

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: October 17, 2018

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of October 24, 2018

Subject: Small Bus Procurement – Metro Mobility and Transit Link

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: State of Minnesota Cooperative Vehicle Procurement contract release number B-347 (5); and Council Procedure 1-2c Sustainability in Fleet Procedure

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Division/Department: Transportation / Metropolitan Transportation Services

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute purchase agreements, contingent upon approval of Business Item 2018-237-JT, with:

1. North Central Bus Sales (MnDOT Contract 121155) for up to 53 replacement buses and 7 expansion buses in an amount not to exceed \$4,234,200; and
2. Hogle Bus (MnDOT Contract 121183) for up to 26 replacement buses and 14 expansion buses in an amount not to exceed \$2,839,500.

Background

This procurement of 79 replacement buses and 21 expansion buses aligns with the bus replacement schedule and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). All buses are scheduled to be delivered by April 2019 and distributed as follows:

76 Replacement buses – Metro Mobility Demand Service

21 Expansion buses – Metro Mobility Demand Service

3 Replacement buses – Transit Link Service

Rationale

The purchase of these buses allows for a reliable fleet and quality transit service. The buses that are scheduled for replacement have exceeded the Council's replacement cycle of five-years and 175,000 miles. The purchase of expansion fleet will assist Metro Mobility with continued growth in ridership and meeting the Federal ADA requirements.

This procurement will use the State of Minnesota's small bus procurement contract which allows the Council to purchase from multiple vendors at a competitive price.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This purchase supports safe and reliable transit infrastructure for persons with disabilities (equity) and enhances the quality of life in the region by allowing individuals who use the Metro Mobility service to remain living at home and maintain a higher level of independence (livability).

Funding

Funding for these vehicles will come from 5307 federal formula funds and Regional Transit Capital. Approval of this business item is contingent upon Council approval of Business Item 2018--237-JT 2018 Budget Amendment – 3rd Quarter.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this purchase.