

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: August 12, 2019

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of August 28, 2019

Subject: 2019 Small Bus Procurement – Metro Mobility, Transit Link, Maple Grove, Fixed Route

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, with North Central Bus Sales (MnDOT Contract 121155) for up to 20 replacement buses and 11 expansion buses in an amount not to exceed \$2,261,000.

Background

This procurement of 31 buses aligns with the bus replacement schedule and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). All buses are scheduled to be delivered by February 29, 2020 and will be assigned to the following services:

Transit Link 9 Replacement Buses, Project 36132 - \$648,000
Metro Mobility 4 Replacement Buses, Projects 36146, 36065 and 36045 - \$288,000
Transit Link Scott Co. 3 Replacement Buses, Project 36133 - \$231,000
Metro Mobility 9 Expansion Buses for Lakeville Service, Project 36152 - \$648,000
Metro Mobility 2 Expansion Buses, Projects 36046 and 36061 - \$144,000
Maple Grove 1 Totaled Bus Replacement, Project 36148 - \$72,000
MTS Fixed Route 1 Totaled Bus Replacement, Project 36149 - \$86,000
Metro Mobility 2 Totaled Bus Replacement, Project 36150 - \$144,000

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 or have been totaled and must be replaced. The purchase of expansion fleet will assist Metro Mobility with the expansion of service into Lakeville in 2020.

This procurement will use the State of Minnesota's small bus procurement contract which is a 5-year contract that has a term from 2017 through 2021. The State did not establish any DBE goals for this contract. This purchase will use federal funds. As a result, MCUB goals are not applicable.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This purchase supports safe and reliable transit infrastructure for all (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, Regional Transit Capital and Insurance Proceeds.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this purchase.