

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: February 25, 2019

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of February 27, 2019

Subject: Eight Sixty-foot BRT Articulated Expansion Buses for D-Line

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Contract No. 13P183

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to exercise existing contract options in Contract no. 13P183 with New Flyer of America Metro to purchase eight (8) sixty-foot articulated diesel buses with bus rapid transit (BRT) styling, in an amount not to exceed \$7,008,507.41, contingent upon satisfactory results of the Pre-Award Buy America Audit.

Background

The Council executed Contract No. 13P183 with New Flyer of America Metro in March of 2014. The five-year contract includes 60 base order and 88 option buses. The option buses requested are 8 diesel 60-foot articulated buses for use on the D-line BRT Corridor.

Rationale

The purchase of these buses is in alignment with the planned fleet expansion and replacement cycle allowing for a reliable sixty-foot bus fleet and is consistent with past fleet purchases. The current Contract 13P183 with New Flyer of America Metro expires on March 30, 2019 and a new procurement contract solicitation for sixty-foot buses has not been finalized. To ensure Metro Transit acquires the eight (8) buses with a price certainty, we recommend leveraging the existing contract before it expires. If we cannot proceed with this procurement, a new contract will need to be established before the agency can procure buses for the D-Line. A new bus procurement process requires approximately eighteen (18) months from the date of solicitation to bus delivery and likely will increase the cost of acquiring the eight (8) buses.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This new bus procurement advances Thrive through the lens of promoting regional prosperity for everyone by continuing to serve residents who depend on transit.

Funding

Funds are available locally for this procurement. The total cost of these new buses is estimated at \$7,008,507.41.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this action.