

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: June 10, 2019

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of June 26, 2019

Subject: Small Bus Procurement – Metro Mobility

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 87 replacement buses and 9 expansion buses in an amount not to exceed \$6,823,464.

Background

This procurement of 87 Metro Mobility replacement buses and 9 Metro Mobility expansion buses aligns with the bus replacement schedule and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). All buses are scheduled to be delivered by year end 2019.

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 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 be federally funded. As this is a State procurement, the Council's MCUB goals are not applicable.

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 5307 federal formula funds and Regional Transit Capital.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this purchase.