

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: November 25, 2019

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 11, 2019

Subject: Low Floor Small Bus Purchase – assigned to MVTA

District(s), Member(s): Dist. 4 – Deb Barber; Dist. 15 – Phillip Sterner; Dist. 16 – Wendy Wulff

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 a purchase agreement, with Hogle Bus Sales (MnDOT Contract 121183) for up to 5 replacement buses in an amount not to exceed \$770,000.

Background

This procurement of 5 buses aligns with the bus replacement schedule and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). All buses are scheduled to be delivered in the 2nd quarter of 2020. These vehicles will operate in MVTA fixed route 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 seven-years and 200,000 miles or have been totaled and must be replaced.

This procurement will use the State of Minnesota's small bus procurement contract which is a 5-year contract that has annual terms 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 providing transportation options.

Funding

Funding for these vehicles will come from 5307 federal formula funds, Regional Transit Capital and Insurance Proceeds. This project was approved as part the 2019 Budget Amendment – 2nd Quarter, Business Item 2019-187 JT.

Known Support / Opposition

Supported by MVTA.