

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: October 14, 2019

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of October 23, 2019

Subject: Authorize Execution of Contract Options with MCI (Motor Coach Industries)

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

Policy/Legal Reference: Adopted 2019-2024 Fleet Capital Program, 2019 Second Quarter MTS Capital Budget Amendment (2019-187)

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Division/Department: Transportation / Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council Authorize the Regional Administrator to exercise existing contract options on Contract 14P053 with Motor Coach Industries (MCI) to purchase two (2) replacement Coach express buses in an amount not to exceed \$1,230,000.

Background

The Council awarded contract 14P053 to MCI on December 10, 2014. The contract includes the purchase of 49 forty-five-foot (45') coach buses with options of up to an additional 95 coach style buses. Staff must receive Council approval prior to the exercise of options. This contract with MCI ends on December 9, 2019.

Rationale

This purchase includes 2 replacement vehicles that will be operated by MVTA. These buses will replace fourteen-year-old 45' MCI coach buses that will have reached the end of their useful life at the time of replacement. It is anticipated that the new buses will arrive in the third quarter of 2020.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This purchase will support the continued viability of transportation alternatives for commuters (sustainability) and enhances the quality of life in the region by reducing traffic congestion (livability).

Funding

This purchase of these replacement buses is in the approved Capital Plan and will use federal funds and local funds. The MVTA project was approved by the Council as part of the 2019 2nd Quarter Capital Amendment – Business Item 2019-187.

Known Support / Opposition

Support - MVTA