

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: January 25, 2021

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of February 10, 2021

**Subject:** Metro Transit Bus Battery Procurement-2020, Contract 20P272

**District(s), Member(s):** All

**Policy/Legal Reference:** FM 14-2 - Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods and Services Policy

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**Division/Department:** Metro Transit

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a contract with Batteries Plus to provide bus batteries and used battery disposal services in the amount not to exceed \$921,510.

### Background

Metro Transit has 875 diesel powered buses and requires a new contract to provide two types of replacement bus starting batteries and used battery disposal services. Prices quoted are based on an estimated replacement and disposal quantity of 1290 batteries annually.

An Invitation for Bids was advertised on December 7, 2020. There were six registered plan holders, one plan holder identified as a veteran owned business enterprise. Procurement facilitated a public bid opening on January 6, 2021 and received two bids. The Office of Equal Opportunity did not set a Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business goal for this project. To advance the Council's commitment to providing opportunity to underutilized businesses, Procurement staff contacted targeted battery disposal providers to make them aware of the solicitation as part of due diligence efforts.

### Rationale

Two bids were received, ranging from \$921,510 to \$983,615. Batteries Plus was the low, responsive, responsible bidder. The award and execution of a goods procurement in excess of \$500,000 requires Council approval.

### Thrive Lens Analysis

This project advances the Thrive outcomes of Livability, Sustainability and Equity by improving access for all residents across race, ethnicity, economic means and ability to real, transportation choices and disposal of hazardous material in an environmentally responsible manner.

### Funding

Funding is available in the Metro Transit annual operating budget.

### Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to the proposed action.