

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: May 24, 2021

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of June 9, 2020

**Subject:** Small Bus Procurement

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

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

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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:

1. North Central Bus Sales (MnDOT Contract 192553) for up to 107 replacement buses and 36 expansion buses in an amount not to exceed \$12,259,000: and
2. Hogle Bus (MnDOT Contract 192552) for up to 74 replacement buses and 25 expansion buses in an amount not to exceed \$8,722,500.

### Background

This procurement of 181 replacement buses and 41 expansion buses aligns with the bus replacement schedule and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The buses that are scheduled for replacement were originally scheduled for replacement in 2020 and 2021. Purchasing delays were the result of chassis shortages and an unanticipated 16-month delay in the State Small Bus Contract which the Council utilizes. The following programs will receive small buses as part of this procurement:

2 Replacement buses – Minnesota Valley Transit Authority

4 Replacement buses – Plymouth

7 Replacement buses - SWT

142 Replacement buses – Metro Mobility

61 Expansion buses – Metro Mobility

22 Replacement buses – Transit Link

4 Replacement buses – MTS Fixed Route

### 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 anticipated growth in ridership in the post pandemic.

This procurement will use the State of Minnesota's small bus procurement contract which allows the Council to purchase from multiple vendors at a competitive price.

### Thrive Lens Analysis

This purchase supports safe and reliable transit infrastructure now and into the future for transit passengers throughout the region (sustainability) and enhances the quality of life in the region by allowing for transportation options at the community and regional level (livability).

### **Funding**

Funding for these vehicles will come from 5307 federal formula funds and Regional Transit Capital. These bus projects are approved in the current Capital Improvement Plan.

### **Known Support / Opposition**

There is no known opposition to this purchase.