

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: November 8, 2021

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 8, 2021

**Subject:** Authorize Execution of Contract Options with Gillig LLC Utilizing the State of Washington's Gillig Bus Contract – 3 Thirty-Foot Buses (Expansion) 21P354

**District(s), Member(s):** Dist. 11 – Susan Vento; Dist. 12 – Francisco Gonzalez; District 13 – Chai Lee

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

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

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council Authorize the Regional Administrator to exercise bus purchase options utilizing the State of Washington's Master Contract 06719-01 with Gillig LLC, to purchase three, thirty-foot expansion transit buses in an amount not to exceed \$1,525,000.

### Background

These expansion buses will be used on the new local route 323. Route 323 replaces the eastern portion of Route 63 along McKnight Road in St. Paul and extends transit service into Woodbury, serving M Health Fairview Woodwinds Hospital and commercial areas along Valley Creek Drive. The route connects to five other routes at Sunray Transit Center, so riders may make connections for trips throughout the region.

### Rationale

The Council does not currently have an active thirty-foot bus contract. The State of Washington released RFP 06719 which is a multi-vendor cooperative agreement that is open to all transit agencies. The term of this agreement is from April 1, 2021, through March 31, 2023. Metropolitan Council Procurement staff have reviewed this agreement for FTA compliance and concur that all FTA requirements have been satisfied. Staff must receive Council approval for items and services that are estimated to be more than \$500,000.

### Thrive Lens Analysis

This purchase will support the use of transit system development and continues to provide a viable and efficient transportation alternative to current and new customers (sustainability) and enhances the quality of life in the region by reducing traffic congestion and improving air quality (livability).

### Funding

These buses are in the approved Capital Plan and will use federal funds and local funds.

### Small Business Inclusion

One component of FTA requirements that have been reviewed requires that "Only those transit vehicle manufacturers listed on FTA's certified list of Transit Vehicle Manufacturers, or that have submitted a goal methodology to FTA that has been approved or has not been disapproved, at the time of solicitation are eligible to bid." (49 CFR §26.49(a)(1). Procurement

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**Known Support / Opposition**

No known opposition.