

Business Item

Transportation Committee



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Small Bus Procurement Contract 22P373, Contract 22P372

District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	FM 14-2 Expenditures for Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy; Minn. Statute § 471.345
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Division/Department:	Transportation / Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute Contract 22P373 with North Central Bus Sales for up to 63 replacement buses and 12 expansion buses in an amount not to exceed \$9,365,194; and Contract 22P372 with Heglund Bus for up to 26 replacement buses in an amount not to exceed \$3,522,206, for a total procurement value not to exceed \$12,887,400.

Background

This procurement of 89 replacement buses and 12 expansion buses aligns with the bus replacement schedule and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Purchase of these small buses will allow MTS to continue maintaining a state of good repair for its fleet. The buses that are scheduled for replacement will have exceeded their useful life in 2022 and 2023. The following programs will receive small buses as part of this procurement:

- 5 Replacement buses – Maple Grove – Projects 36217 and 36242
- 2 Replacement buses – SWT – Project 36243
- 58 Replacement buses – Metro Mobility - Projects 36213 and 36240
- 12 Expansion buses – Metro Mobility - Project 36202
- 10 Replacement buses – Transit Link - 36182
- 14 Replacement buses – MTS Fixed Route - 36241

Rationale

The State of Minnesota released Contract B-347 (5) which is a multi-vendor cooperative agreement for purchasing small buses. The Council has statutory authority under Minnesota Statutes Section §471.345 to utilize such cooperative service agreements. The execution of a goods contract more than \$500,000 requires Council approval.

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.

Small Business Inclusion

The Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity (OEEEO) thoroughly reviewed this procurement for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) opportunities in accordance with federal and state laws and regulations as well as contract specifications. Upon conclusion of OEEEO's research and analysis, no DBE goal was set.

