

Business Item

Transportation Committee



Committee Meeting Date: August 14, 2023

For the Metropolitan Council: August 23, 2023

Business Item: 2023-182

Metro Transit Bus Tire Lease Services, Contract 22P119

District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	FM 14-2 - Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy
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Division/Department:	Metro Transit/Bus Maintenance

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 22P119 with Michelin North America, Inc., that will provide tire lease, installation, and maintenance services for active and reserve fleet buses at all bus garages in an amount not to exceed \$16,997,791.65.

Background

The Metro Transit fleet of active and reserve buses require tire lease, installation, and maintenance to support a reliable fleet and service. A Request for Proposals was advertised on February 17, 2023. A pre-proposal meeting was hosted by Council staff that outlined the solicitation requirements, discussed project specifications, and responded to plan holder inquiries. There were six registered plan holders, five suppliers, and one plan room.

The Council received two proposals on April 18, 2023, to be evaluated for the consideration of award and used proposer quality, proposer qualifications, experience, price, and the ability to meet estimated current and future lease and service requirements. The evaluation panel reached consensus that the proposal submitted by Michelin North America., as the most advantageous to the Council and recommends for contract award.

Rationale

The execution of a professional service contract exceeding \$500,000 requires Council approval.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This contract will advance the Thrive outcomes of Livability and Prosperity by maintaining fleet vehicles to provide safe, reliable, transportation, making the region more economically competitive through increased workers' access to employment, and support to employers by increasing available workforce with affordable, convenient transportation.

In addition, the contract advances the Equity outcome by distributing transit resources throughout the region and improving access to jobs, educational opportunities, and health services to diverse communities.

Funding

Funding for the contract is in the Council approved Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and authorized Capital Budget.

Small Business Inclusion

The Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity (OEEEO) assigned a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal of 1% for this solicitation. OEEEO determined that the firm being recommended for award has met the DBE requirements of this contract.

