

# Business Item



Transportation Committee

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## Business Item: 2023-127

Purchase of 6 Low Floor Small Buses – MVTA

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<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	FM 14-2 Expenditures for Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy; Minn. Statute § 471.345
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### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a contract with Model 1 (formerly Creative Bus Sales) for up to 6 accessible low floor buses in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.

### Background

The 6 buses will be used in MVTA fixed route service and will replace 6 buses that have exceeded their useful life. This project aligns with the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). These vehicles have a seven-year useful life.

### Rationale

Purchase of these buses will allow MVTA to continue to maintain a state of good repair for its fleet. The Metropolitan Council is using the State of Oklahoma's cooperative agreement to purchase these buses. The State of Oklahoma Contract has been reviewed and includes all necessary federal clauses. The Council is an eligible public agency that may use this agreement. The Council has statutory authority under Minnesota Statutes Section §471.345 to utilize such cooperative service agreements. The execution of a goods contract of 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 MVTA area (sustainability) and enhances the quality of life in the region by allowing for transportation options at the community and regional level (livability).

### Funding

This bus project is in the Authorized Capital Program (Project numbers 36216 [4 buses] and 36183 [2 buses]) and will use federal and local funds.

### **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.

