

# Business Item

Transportation Committee



Committee Meeting Date: November 27, 2023

For the Metropolitan Council: December 13, 2023

## Business Item: 2023-282

Metro Transit Bus Fuel Supply Contract, Contract 23P158

<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	All
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	FM 14-2 - Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy
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### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 23P158 with Mansfield Energy to provide diesel fuel supply and delivery to all Bus Maintenance Garages in an amount not to exceed \$92,567,450.50.

### Background

The Metro Transit fleet of active and reserve buses require a consistent fuel supply and blends depending on the time of year to support a reliable fleet and service.

An Invitation for Bids was advertised on August 21, 2023. A pre-bid meeting was hosted by Council staff that outlined the solicitation requirements, discussed project specifications, and responded to plan holder inquiries. There were twelve registered plan holders, ten suppliers, two plan rooms, and two plan holders identified as woman, minority, small, veteran, or disadvantaged business enterprises.

Procurement facilitated a public bid opening on September 28, 2023, and received four bids. Bids ranged from \$92,567,450.50 to \$96,379,734.05. Mansfield Energy is the low, responsive, responsible bidder and recommended for the award of this three-year contract with options for years four and five. Actual expenditures will be determined by the Oil Price Information Service price index for diesel, which will fluctuate daily over the contract term to reflect petroleum market prices.

### Rationale

The execution of a goods and services 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**

Funds will be budgeted for the purchase and delivery of diesel fuel in Metro Transit's Council Authorized Operating Budget

### **Small Business Inclusion**

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

