

# Business Item

Transportation Committee



Committee Meeting Date: May 13, 2024

For the Metropolitan Council: May 22, 2024

## Business Item: 2024-109

METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Vehicle Lift Purchase, Contract 24P126

<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	District 12 (Vento), District 13 (Lee), District 14 (Carter)
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	FM 14-2 - Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy; Minn. Statute § 471.345
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### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 24P126 with Stertil-Koni USA, Inc. for the purchase of two parallel platform and one three-piston lifts for the East Metro Transit Facility to support the Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit project in an amount not to exceed \$665,243.67.

### Background

The Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project is entering its third and final year of construction. A new operations and maintenance facility isn't needed for the 17 new 60' buses being purchased by the Gold Line BRT project. Improvements to the existing East Metro Transit Facility are needed to accommodate especially the increased number of 60' buses as the existing lifts are not capable of handling the additional number of 60' buses. Specifically, three lifts will be replaced with two recessed parallel platform lifts and one recessed three-piston lift that will support the additional 17 new 60' buses being added to the East Metro Transit Facility fleet.

The State of Minnesota released Contract L-348(5) which is a multi-vendor cooperative agreement for purchasing vehicle lifts and related garage equipment. This contract is eligible and compliant with FTA requirements 49 U.S.C. § 5325(a); 49 C.F.R. § 18.36, and the Council has statutory authority under Minnesota Statutes Section § 471.345 to utilize such cooperative agreements.

### Rationale

The execution of a goods contract for more than \$500,000 requires council approval.

### Thrive Lens Analysis

Investment in high-quality transportation options will advance the Thrive outcome of prosperity, by making the region more economically competitive through increased workers' access to employment, and support to employers by increasing available workforce with affordable, convenient transportation.

The Gold Line Project 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 for this contract amendment are an eligible cost and are included in the Gold Line Project budget and the Council's authorized capital budget under Project #61402.

### **Small Business Inclusion**

This contract is being procured with a state contract. Therefore, the Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity did not assign a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal.

