

# Business Item

Transportation Committee



Committee Meeting Date: June 24, 2024

For the Metropolitan Council: July 10, 2024

## Business Item: 2024-163

Procurement of 73 Biodiesel Forty-Foot Transit Buses, Contract 19P122E

<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	All
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	FM14-2 - Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy
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<b>Division/Department:</b>	Metro Transit/Bus Maintenance

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 19P122E with Gillig LLC to purchase (73) 40-foot buses for the Council's regular route services in an amount not to exceed \$62,982,481.

### Background

The Council authorized Business Item 2021-26 for contract 19P122 on February 10, 2021, for purchases of 40-foot biodiesel buses that included 26 base buses and 149 optional buses. The buses requested in this order will utilize contract 19P122 option buses to replace 73 forty-foot biodiesel buses that have reached end of useful life that are currently operation on local route service. Separate from this order is a purchase for 12 forty-foot electric buses (2023 Low No Grant) and 8 forty-foot electric buses (2021 Low No Grant), meeting or exceeding our commitment to procure 20% of our forty-foot replacement buses with electric propulsion buses that is outline in Council authorized Business Item 2022-05 Zero Emission Bus Transition Plan January 5, 2022.

### Rationale

The execution of a contract for rolling stock exceeding \$500,000 requires Council approval.

### Thrive Lens Analysis

*This purchase advances Thrive outcomes through the lens of promoting regional Livability, Sustainability and Prosperity for everyone, by continuing to serve residents who depend on transit.*

## **Funding**

Funding for this purchase is included and contingent on passage of the 2024 Budget Amendment 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2024-110 JT going to the Metropolitan Council on June 26, 2024.

## **Small Business Inclusion**

The Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity (OEEO) does not review procurements of transit vehicles for the purpose of establishing a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal. Transit Vehicle Manufacturers are required to submit a DBE goal methodology directly to FTA. Only those transit vehicle manufacturers listed on FTA's certified list of Transit Vehicle Manufacturers, which includes Gillig, are eligible.

