Business Item: 2024-163

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

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 2nd 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.