

Business Item

Transportation Committee



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For the Metropolitan Council: April 23, 2025

Business Item: 2025-23

Procurement of 10 Metro Mobility Buses, Contract 25P038

District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	FM 14-2 Expenditures for Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy; Minn. Statute § 471.345
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Division/Department:	Transportation / Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

Proposed action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 25P038 with Northwest Bus Sales to provide ten buses utilizing the State of Washington Contract #06719 in an amount not to exceed \$1,608,000.

Background

This procurement of ten expansion small buses will allow MTS to meet future growth and an appropriate fleet spare ratio.

Utilizing the State of Washington Contract allows the Council to purchase from other manufacturers that aren't on the State of Minnesota cooperative contract, this increasing competition in the small bus industry. The Council has statutory authority under Minn. Statute §471.345 to utilize such cooperative service agreements.

Rationale

The execution of a goods contract exceeding \$500,000 requires Council approval.

Thrive lens analysis

On Feb. 12, 2025, the Council adopted Imagine 2050, which builds on policy direction in Thrive MSP 2040. Under the Thrive lens, this purchase supports safe and reliable transit infrastructure now and into the future for transit passengers throughout the region (sustainability) and enhances the quality of life in the region by allowing for transportation options at the community and regional level (livability).

Funding

Funding for this purchase will come from Regional Transit Capital (local funds). This bus project is included in the Council's Authorized Capital program under project 36302 as authorized by capital

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Small business inclusion

The buses are being procured with local funds and utilizing the State of Washington small bus contract. Therefore, the Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity did not assign a Metropolitan Underutilized Business (MCUB) goal.

