

Business Item

Transportation Committee



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For the Metropolitan Council: November 12, 2025

Business Item: 2025-264

Procurement of Four Small Buses for Transit Link Scott County, Contract 25P310

District(s), member(s):	District 4, Deb Barber
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 25P310 with United Bus Sales utilizing the State of Minnesota contract #B-347(5) for four (4) replacement small buses for Transit Link Scott County in an amount not to exceed \$700,000.

Background

This procurement of four replacement buses will retire vehicles that have met or exceeded their useful life and will allow Transit Link Scott County to serve their increasing agency service needs and maintain a state of good repair for their fleet.

The State of MN Contract #B-347(5), is a multi-vendor cooperative agreement for purchasing small buses. The Council has statutory authority under Minnesota Statutes Section §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 for individuals with disabilities, allowing for transportation options (livability).

Funding

Funding for this purchase will come from Regional Transit Capital (RTC). The funding for this project was approved as part of the Council's Authorized Capital Program through business item BI2025-02 JT.

Small business inclusion

The Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity did not establish a Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business (MCUB) goal as this contract will be procured utilizing State of MN Contract #B-347(5).

