

T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: September 22, 2008

For Metropolitan Council meeting: October 8, 2008

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: September 15, 2008

Subject: Authorization to Exercise Gillig Contract Options to Replace Plymouth Buses

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Council Procurement Policy; Council Item #2007-331; Council Item #2008-211; Council Contract #07P162;

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Division/Department: Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to exercise existing options on contract #07P162 with Gillig Corporation to purchase two replacement buses in addition to the thirteen buses approved under Council action item #2008-215 for a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$5,575,000.

Background

The Council awarded contract #07P162 to Gillig Corporation in October 2007. The contract includes the purchase of 314 forty-foot buses with an option for up to an additional 300 forty-foot buses. Staff must receive Council approval prior to the exercise of options.

Metro Transit has determined that there are nineteen uncommitted forty-foot diesel bus options on the Gillig contract and have made them available to MTS to satisfy regional fleet needs. Plymouth Metrolink has fifteen large transit buses scheduled for replacement in 2008. Thirteen of the fifteen replacement buses were included in action item #2008-215 on August 11, 2008. On September 10, 2008 the Council authorized (action item #2008-211) an additional \$500,000 for this project to provide sufficient funding for the final two of fifteen replacement buses.

Council staff will work with Plymouth to match vehicle specifications with their service needs. The base price on this contract for a diesel bus is \$345,324 (plus \$8,080 for warranty and \$3,200 for delivery). Per the terms of the agreement, pricing on option buses is subject to a Producer Price Index escalation. The exact adjusted price of these option buses will be established when the option is exercised.

Rationale

The buses requested in this action will replace two of the fifteen regional fleet vehicles assigned to Plymouth Metrolink that are eligible for replacement in 2008. This capital project was included in the 2008-2013 Capital Improvement Plan and amended into the Authorized Capital Plan under Council action items #2008-154 on June 25, 2008 and #2008-211 on September 10, 2008.

Funding

Regional Transit Capital funds will be used to purchase these vehicles.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.