

T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: November 9, 2009

For Metropolitan Council meeting: November 18, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION	
Date:	November 3, 2009
Subject:	Request for Increased Authorization; Business Item 2009-361
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Business Item 2009-361; State of Minnesota Cooperative Vehicle Procurement: Contract numbers 440473, 440475
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Arlene McCarthy, MTS Director (651-602-1754) Chris Gran, Director of Purchasing – Metro Transit (612-349-5060) Gerri Sutton, Assistant Director MTS (651-602-1672) Alex Curtiss, Manager, MTS Fleet Services (651-602-1487)
Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to increase the not to exceed amount of Business Item 2009-361 (see attached) by \$100,000 for an amended total of \$810,000.

Background

The Council authorized the Regional Administrator to execute purchase agreements, using the State of Minnesota Cooperative Vehicle Procurement Contract, with Hoglund Bus Co. Inc. and North Central Bus Co. to replace existing small buses that either meet or exceed their useful life as established by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

Rationale

The original request for an amount not to exceed \$710,000 was a typographical error. The amount budgeted for this project and the amount of the authorization request should have been \$810,000. The amendment is not due to price increases or a change in project scope.

Funding

Regional Transit Capital funds will be used to purchase these vehicles. Capital funding, in the amount of \$810,000, for these purchase agreements is included in the current 2009 Authorized Capital Program and Capital Budget.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.

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Meeting date: October 14, 2009

For Metropolitan Council meeting: October 28, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION	
Date:	October 5, 2009
Subject:	Authorization to Purchase Small Replacement Buses
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	State of Minnesota Cooperative Vehicle Procurement: Contract numbers 440473, 440475
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Arlene McCarthy, MTS Director (651-602-1754) Chris Gran, Director of Purchasing – Metro Transit (612-349-5060) Gerri Sutton, Assistant Director MTS (651-602-1672) Alex Curtiss, Manager, MTS Fleet Services (651-602-1487)
Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute purchase agreements with the following vendors for small buses in an amount not to exceed \$710,000

1. Hoglund Bus Co. Inc (440473) for 11 buses.
2. North Central Bus Co (440475) for 1 bus.

Background

The vehicles purchased under these agreements will replace existing small buses that either meet or exceed their useful life as established by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). By utilizing the state contracts for procurement of these vehicles the Metropolitan Council will:

- 1) improve standardization of the bus fleet in terms of option items added to the standard base vehicle; and
- 2) improve oversight of the procurement process; and
- 3) maximize cost savings.

Rationale

The buses requested in this action will replace existing fleet and will be assigned to Transit Link regional dial-a-ride services.

Funding

Regional Transit Capital funds will be used to purchase these vehicles. This bus acquisition utilizes the State of Minnesota Cooperative Vehicle Procurement Contract Release B347 (5). This contract covers 2009 model year accessible small and mid-sized body on chassis buses and purpose build medium duty accessible buses. This procurement is compliant with all state and Federal regulations, and provides the Metropolitan Council with competitive and stable pricing.

Capital funding for these purchase agreements is available in the current 2009 Authorized Capital Program and Capital Budget

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.