

**T** Transportation Committee  
 Meeting date: February 14, 2011  
 Metropolitan Council Meeting: February 23, 2011

**ADVISORY INFORMATION**

**Date:** February 1, 2011  
**Subject:** Authorization to Amend Contract to Comply with 2010 Environmental Protection Agency Emissions Regulations  
**District(s), Member(s):** All  
**Policy/Legal Reference:** Council Expenditure Policy  
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**Division/Department:** Metro Transit and Metropolitan Transportation Services

**Proposed Action**

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to amend the bus purchase contract with Motor Coach Industries (MCI) to increase the per unit vehicle contract price by \$21,720 in order to comply with 2010 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) emissions standards.

**Background**

Transit buses must meet the EPA emissions standards which took effect in January 2010. Bus manufacturers must design and install exhaust after-treatment systems in their buses to meet these new standards.

Metropolitan Transportation Services is ordering a bus under the Council's contract with MCI which will involve a vehicle price increase due to the EPA mandate. This contract contains a clause that provides for the price adjustment related to the new EPA emissions regulations.

**Rationale**

Staff has reviewed the detailed price change information with MCI and the engine manufacturer, and finds that the recommended price increase is fair and reasonable. The price increase will add approximately four percent to the per-unit vehicle price.

**Funding**

Funding is included in the Council capital budget.

**Known Support/Opposition**

There is no known opposition to the proposed action.