

# T Transportation Committee

**Business Item**

Item: 2011-336

Consent

**Meeting date: November 28, 2011**

**Metropolitan Council meeting December 14, 2011**

## ADVISORY INFORMATION

<b>Date:</b>	November 21, 2011
<b>Subject:</b>	Procurement of Metro Mobility Buses in 2012
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	All
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	State of Minnesota Cooperative Vehicle Procurement contract release number B-347(5)
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### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to execute a purchase agreement with:

1. North Central Bus Sales (MnDOT Contract 444441) for up to 5 buses in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.
2. Hoglund Bus (MnDOT Contract 444438) for up to 54 buses in an amount not to exceed \$3,348,000.
3. Eldorado (MnDOT Contract 444437) for up to 59 buses in an amount not to exceed \$3,658,000.

### Background

This procurement is in alignment with the bus replacement schedule and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) established for Metro Mobility. This procurement represents the second portion of the Metro Mobility fleet to be replaced in 2012. Delivery of these buses is expected to occur in May and June of 2012.

### Rationale

The purchase of these buses is in alignment with the planned fleet replacement cycle allowing for a reliable Metro Mobility bus fleet and is consistent with past fleet purchases. Eighty of the buses will replace the five-year-old fleet used to deliver Metro Mobility Agency service. These new buses will enter revenue service on July 1, 2012 to coincide with the start of the new Agency service agreement. The remaining buses that are scheduled for replacement will have exceeded their useful life with mileages ranging from 225,000 to 325,000 miles and a service life averaging 5.6 years per vehicle.

### Funding

This bus acquisition utilizes the State of Minnesota Cooperative Vehicle Procurement Contract Release B-347(5) which was released on December 6, 2010. Proposals were due to MnDOT on December 22, 2010. This procurement is compliant with all State and Federal regulations, and provides the Metropolitan Council with competitive pricing. The MnDOT vehicle contract expires on December 31, 2011. By purchasing off of the State Procurement, the Council will save 6% to 11% less than the price quoted to the general public.

Regional Transit Capital funds for these purchase agreements are outlined in Council Action Item 2011-286 titled "Unified Capital Program Amendment" which was approved by the Council on November 9, 2011.

### Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.