Committee Report

Transportation Committee

Item: 2008-208 Consent

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of August 13, 2008

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date Prepared: 07/31/2008 Subject: Interdivisional Transfer of Vehicles

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council approve the interdivisional transfer of four (4) buses from Metro Transit assets to Metropolitan Transportation Services regional fleet assets.

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

The reason for the request was explained as being due to two engine failures in Anoka buses that are due for replacement in 2009, and two buses for new demonstration service to Rosemount. The question was asked by Council member Leppik as to why such old buses were selected for the demonstration service. It was explained that these buses have two years of life left. If the demonstration service proves to be needed, new buses would be ordered when these buses are retired. If the demonstration service proves it is not needed, when the buses are retired, the service would end. The motion was passed unanimously.

Business Item Item: 2008-208

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: July 28, 2008 For Metropolitan Council meeting: August 13, 2008

ADVISORY INFORMATION	
Date:	July 21, 2008
Subject:	Interdivisional Transfer of Vehicles
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Capital Program and Federal Transit Administration Satisfactory Continuing Control Requirements Service Agreements
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Brian J. Lamb, General Manager, 612-349-7510 Vince Pellegrin, Chief Operating Officer, 612-349-7511 Julie H. Johanson, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, 612-349-7514 Arlene McCarthy, Director MTS, 651-602-1754 Jan Homan, Director Bus Maintenance, 612-349-5000 Gerri Sutton, Asst. Director – MTS, 651-602-1672
Division/Department:	Metro Transit

Proposed Action/Motion:

That the Metropolitan Council approve the interdivisional transfer of four (4) buses from Metro Transit assets to Metropolitan Transportation Services regional fleet assets.

Issue(s):

• Council approval is requested to transfer four (4) 40-foot buses owned by the Metropolitan Council from Metro Transit to Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS) to utilize them in appropriate regional service.

Overview and Funding:

This proposed interdivisional transfer of four buses from Metro Transit Assets to Metropolitan Transportation Services Regional Fleet Assets will support two specific needs:

- 1. Implementation of new demonstration service in Rosemount that will use two 40-foot buses to be operated by MVTA; and
- 2. Anoka County has two 30-foot buses with failed engines. These vehicles are scheduled for replacement in 2009 and Anoka County has agreed to operate 1998 Gilligs transferred from Metro Transit, until new buses can be delivered, to save the cost of replacing these engines.

These vehicles will be covered by Federal Transit Administration Satisfactory Continuing Control Requirements compliance service agreements with the regional providers for the use of Regional Fleet Vehicles.