

Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of August 27, 2008

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date Prepared: August 13, 2008

Subject: Procurement of Metro Mobility Buses

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute purchase agreements with Superior Transit Sales, LLC (MNDOT Contract 438835) for up to 22 buses in an amount not to exceed \$1,105,602.

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

Two questions were asked.

1)How long do the Metro Mobility vehicles generally last?

Answer: Approximate lifespan is 5 years, but we run them past that time.

2)Why are we going with Gas instead of Diesel fueled vehicles.

Answer: Because they start easier in the winter, the repairs have been far fewer and less costly, and it maintains continuity of the fleet.

Motion was made and passed, hearing no objections Vice Chair Meeks stated that this item could proceed to the full Council as a Consent Item.

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Business Item

Item: 2008-216

Meeting date: August 11, 2008

Council meeting August 27, 2008

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	July 29, 2008
Subject:	Procurement of Metro Mobility Buses
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	State of Minnesota Cooperative Vehicle Procurement contract number 438835
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Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services MTS - Metro Mobility

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a purchase agreement with Superior Transit Sales, LLC (MNDOT Contract 438835) for up to 22 buses in an amount not to exceed \$1,105,602.

Background

This procurement is in alignment with the bus replacement schedule and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) established by MTS for Metro Mobility. These buses will utilize the 10% ethanol fuel mix with top tier detergent as specified in the Metro Mobility gasoline contract with Egan Oil. If this purchase is approved, buses will be delivered in December of 2008.

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. Buses that are scheduled for replacement will have exceeded mileage thresholds of 250,000 to 325,000 miles.

Funding

- This bus acquisition utilizes the State of Minnesota Cooperative Vehicle Procurement Contract Release #B-347(5) issued August 31, 2007. Proposals were due to MNDOT on October 17, 2007. This procurement is compliant with all State and Federal regulations, and provides the Metropolitan Council with competitive pricing. The MNDOT vehicle contract expires on November 30, 2008.

Capital funding, utilizing Regional Transit Capital funds, for these purchase agreements are outlined in Council Action Item 2008-154 titled “2008-2013 Capital Improvement Program and Capital Program and Budget Amendment” approved by the Council on June 25, 2008.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.