

T Transportation Committee
For the Metropolitan Council meeting of November 18,
2009

Item: 2009-399

Date

Prepared: November 11, 2009

Subject: Authorization to Amend Contract for 314 Transit Buses

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to amend Contract 07P162 with Gillig Corporation to change the number of forty-foot standard drive clean diesel base order buses from 164 to 239 and reduce the number of forty-foot hybrid diesel-electric base order buses from 150 to 75.

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

A brief presentation by staff outlined the need for amending the base order of standard-drive and hybrid-drive clean diesel buses. Councilmember Peterson asked if the price difference for hybrids justified the change and if the new buses would be low-floor. Staff responded that with consideration of relevant factors (environmental, capital and operational cost, fuel prices and reliability) the best decision was to replace all buses at 12 years. All of these buses will be low-floor Gilligs.

Councilmember Leppik asked if there was still a plan to purchase 150 hybrid buses. In the presentation staff explained that there are currently 67 hybrids in service, 30 hybrids are scheduled for delivery in 2010 and 46 hybrids are planned for purchase in 2012, for a total of 143 hybrids. It was also explained that both the standard and hybrid buses are scheduled for replacement at 12 years.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed action. The item passed unanimously.

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Meeting date: November 9, 2009

Metropolitan Council Meeting: November 18, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: November 4, 2009
Subject: Authorization to Amend Contract for 314 Transit Buses
District(s), Member(s): All
Policy/Legal Reference: Council Policy 3-3 Expenditures
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Background

The Council awarded a contract to Gillig Corporation in October 2007 for 314 forty-foot transit buses, of which 164 are standard drive clean diesel and 150 are hybrid diesel-electric. Since that time, the mix of standard drive and hybrid base order buses has been modified to reflect funding availability in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

We are recommending that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to amend Contract 07P162 to reflect 239 standard drive clean diesel and 75 hybrid diesel-electric base order buses for a contract total of 314 base order buses.

Rationale

Revising this fleet replacement plan will allow for the timely replacement of 12-year old buses with new, reliable buses that will significantly reduce exhaust emissions. The change will also provide standard drive clean diesel buses to support Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS) with some of the regional fleet replacement needs, including fleet used by the Suburban Transit Providers.

Funding

Funding and procurement of the base order buses is in the current CIP.

Known Support/Opposition

There is no known opposition to the proposed action.