Committee Report

Transportation Committee

Item: 2010-367 Consent

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of November 10, 2010

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date

Prepared: October 26, 2010

Subject: Procurement of Metro Mobility Vehicles

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a purchase agreement with Hoglund Bus Company Inc. (State of MN Contract 442667) for up to thirty nine (39) buses in an amount not to exceed \$2,742,205.

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

Paul Colton, Metro Mobility Senior Manager, presented this item to the committee and answered a question from Peterson that none of the buses in this order will be hybrids.

Motion by Beach, seconded by Peterson and passed unanimously.

Hearing no objection, Chair McFarlin stated that this item could proceed to the full Council as a Consent Item.

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: October 25, 2010

Metropolitan Council Meeting: November 10, 2010

ADVISORY INFORMATION	
Date:	October 18, 2010
Subject:	Procurement of Metro Mobility Vehicles
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	State of Minnesota Cooperative Vehicle Procurement Release B- 347(5) and Regional Fleet Management Procedures
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Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS) - Metro Mobility

Proposed Action

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Background

All thirty-nine (39) of the vehicles in this request will replace vehicles scheduled for retirement. All of the vehicles will be gasoline-powered and delivered in the first quarter of 2011.

Rationale

The purchase of thirty-nine buses is in alignment with the 2011 capital plan and will replace buses that are operated by the current Metro Mobility contractors. All of the vehicles scheduled to be replaced will have accumulated at least 250,000 miles at the time of replacement with many of them exceeding 300,000 miles. These mileage totals exceed Federal and Council replacement requirement thresholds. The Federal Transit Administration has established a minimum useful life of 150,000 miles or four years for vehicles of this type. The Regional Fleet Management Procedures call for small buses to be replaced after a minimum of 5 years or 200,000 miles.

Purchasing off the state contract is consistent with past fleet purchases and meets Council, state and federal procurement requirements.

Funding

Funding for this purchase was included in the September 4, 2010 approval of Council action item 2010-261, titled "2010 Unified Capital Program Amendment". This purchase will utilize federal funds.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.