

**T** Transportation Committee  
For the Metropolitan Council meeting of April 13, 2011

**ADVISORY INFORMATION**

Date March 29, 2011  
Prepared:  
Subject: Rescission of BI 2010-302 and Authorization to exercise Contract Options with Motor Coach Industries

**Proposed Action:**

That the Metropolitan Council:

Rescind Business Item 2010-302 authorizing the Council to enter into a grant agreement with SouthWest Transit to purchase one double-decker bus; and

Authorize the Regional Administrator to exercise an existing contract option on contract #08P114 with Motor Coach Industries to purchase one coach bus in an amount not to exceed \$550,000.

**Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:**

Alex Curtiss, MTS Fleet Manager, presented this item. There were no questions from committee members regarding the business item.

Motion by Munt, seconded by Đoàn and passed unanimously.

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

Business Item

# T Transportation Committee

Item: 2011-92

**Meeting date: March 28, 2011**

**Council Meeting: April 13, 2011**

## ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	March 23, 2011
Subject:	Rescission of BI 2010-302 and Authorization to exercise Contract Options with Motor Coach Industries
District(s), Member(s):	District 4 – Van Eyll
Policy/Legal Reference:	Council Policy 3-4-3a, Council Contract #08P114, Fleet Management Procedures
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Arlene McCarthy, MTS Director (651-602-1754) Gerri Sutton, MTS Asst. Director (651-602-1672) Alex Curtiss, Manager, Fleet Services (651-602-1487)
Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

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### Background

The Council awarded contract 08P144 to Motor Coach Industries in January 2009. The contract includes the purchase of 26 forty-five foot buses with an option for up to an additional 86 forty-five foot buses. Staff must receive Council approval prior to the exercise of options. The base price on this contract for a diesel bus is \$525,949.52. Per the terms of the agreement, pricing on option buses is subject to a Producer Price Index escalation. The exact adjusted price of these option buses will be established when the option is exercised.

### Rationale

SouthWest Transit will add service at a new Chanhassen Station park-and-ride in late 2011 using five additional buses. The Council originally approved the purchase of four MCI coach buses (BI 2010-300) and a grant for one double-decker bus (BI 2010-302) to meet this need. Following Council approval, SouthWest Transit became aware of potential federal compliance issues with the double-decker bus purchase. Per the attached memo, SouthWest Transit has elected to abandon the plan to purchase the double-decker bus and instead will opt for a fifth MCI coach bus.

This request reflects the Council's commitment to regional transit investments and is in alignment with the objective of the unified capital programming process.

**Funding**

The purchase of this vehicle is included in the 2011 Authorized Capital Program. The funding will be split using 80% federal CMAQ funds with a required local match of 20% using Regional Transit Capital (RTC).

**Known Support / Opposition**

No known opposition.