

**T** Transportation Committee  
Metropolitan Council meeting of May 11, 2011

**Date**

**Prepared:** April 25, 2011

**Subject:** Authorization to Purchase 26 Option Forty-foot Gillig Buses

**Proposed Action:**

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to exercise an existing contract option with Gillig Corporation to purchase 26 forty-foot, low-floor transit buses in an amount not-to-exceed \$10,838,836.

**Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:**

This item was explained to the committee by Jan Homan. After his presentation of this item, the chair asked if there were any questions, and there were none. A vote was taken to approve this and it passed unanimously. Later, this item was approved to be added to the consent item list.

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Meeting date: April 25, 2011  
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**ADVISORY INFORMATION**

Date: April 12, 2011  
Subject: Authorization to Purchase 26 Option Forty-foot Gillig Buses  
District(s), Member(s): All  
Policy/Legal Reference: Council Procurement Policy  
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Division/Department: Metro Transit Bus Maintenance

**Proposed Action**

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to exercise an existing contract option with Gillig Corporation to purchase 26 forty-foot, low-floor transit buses in an amount not-to-exceed \$10,838,836.

**Background**

The Council awarded a contract to Gillig Corporation in October 2007 for 314 base order forty-foot, low-floor transit buses. The contract includes an option for the Council to purchase up to 150 additional buses. This procurement will replace 26 forty-foot diesel buses that will achieve 12 years of age in 2012 that are scheduled for retirement.

**Rationale**

This investment reflects the Council's commitment to maintain and preserve regional transit investments and is in alignment with the objectives of the unified capital programming process.

**Funding**

Funding for these replacement forty-foot buses is included in Council Business Item 2011-065 "2011 Unified Capital Program Amendment" in Project 61611 going to the Metropolitan Council on April 27, 2011.

**Known Support/Opposition**

There is no known opposition to the proposed action.