

T Transportation Committee
Metropolitan Council meeting of September 14, 2011

Date September 1st, 2011

Prepared:

Subject: Authorization to Purchase 41 Forty-foot Replacement Buses

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to exercise an existing contract option with Gillig Corporation to purchase 41 forty-foot, low-floor transit buses in an amount not-to-exceed \$23,537,561.

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

This item was presented to the committee by Jan Homan. After his presentation of this item, the chair asked if there were any questions and Council members John Doan and Lona Schreiber responded that they did.

Council member Doan asked how much had been spent on the contract, and Jan Homan replied that he would research this and provide the information. After reviewing all base order and option procurements through the end of 2012, Metro Transit will have spent \$169,493,678 on this contract.

Council member Schreiber asked how buses are disposed of and who does this work. Jan Homan replied that Metropolitan Council Contracts and Procurement auctions surplus fleet off. Brian Lamb then stated that this is done on Transport-Max, procurement software the Council uses.

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: August 22, 2011
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ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: August 9, 2011
Subject: Authorization to Purchase 41 Forty-foot Replacement Buses
District(s), Member(s): All
Policy/Legal Reference: Council Procurement Policy
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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to exercise an existing contract option with Gillig Corporation to purchase 41 forty-foot, low-floor transit buses in an amount not to exceed \$23,537,561.

Background

This procurement will replace forty-foot diesel buses that will achieve 12 years of age in 2012 which are scheduled for retirement. This order of buses will be a combination of 33 hybrid buses and 8 diesel buses.

To procure these buses, the Council will utilize a multi-year contract that was awarded to Gillig Corporation in October 2007 for 314 base-order and up to 300 option forty-foot, low-floor transit buses. Through this contract, including this request, Metro Transit will have received or placed orders for 381 buses.

Rationale

This investment reflects the Council's commitment to purchase new buses after 12 years in order to maintain and preserve regional transit investments. This procurement is in alignment with the objectives of the unified capital programming process.

Funding

Funding for these forty-foot replacement buses is included in Council Business Item 2011-206, 2011 Unified Capital Program Amendment, in Project 61611 going to the Metropolitan Council on September 14, 2011.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to the proposed action.