

T Transportation Committee
Metropolitan Council meeting of May 23, 2012

Date

Prepared: May 17, 2012

Subject: **Authorization to Purchase 30 Option Forty-foot Diesel Gillig Buses**

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to exercise an existing contract option with Gillig Corporation to purchase 30 forty-foot, diesel low-floor transit buses in an amount not-to-exceed \$12,944,070.

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

This item was presented and it was explained that these are planned replacement buses that will be procured as options off of an existing contract. This is an order for 30 of a total of 75 planned replacement buses for 2013. Chair Elkins asked how many options are left on this contract and Brian Lamb explained this is a 5-year contract and an RFP for a new 5-year contract is in process.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Duininck and passed unanimously.

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

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Meeting date: May 14, 2012

Metropolitan Council Meeting: May 23, 2012

ADVISORY INFORMATION

-Date: May 3, 2011
Subject: Authorization to Purchase 30 Option Forty-foot Diesel Gillig 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 30 forty-foot, diesel low-floor transit buses in an amount not-to-exceed \$12,944,070.

Background

This procurement will replace forty-foot diesel buses that will achieve 12 years of age in 2013 that are scheduled for retirement.

To procure these buses, the Council will utilize a contract that was awarded 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 300 additional buses.

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 was approved by the Metropolitan Council in Business Item 2012-108 "2012 Unified Capital Budget Amendment" in Project 61611.

Known Support/Opposition

There is no known opposition to the proposed action.