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Prepared: August 15, 2012

Subject: **Authorization to Purchase 45 Option Forty-foot Diesel Gillig Buses**

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to exercise an existing contract option with the Gillig Corporation to purchase 45 forty-foot, diesel low-floor transit buses in an amount not-to-exceed \$19,416,105.

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 45 of a total of 75 planned replacement buses for 2013; the remaining 30 were authorized previously via Business Item 2012-154. Council Member Mundt asked when a new contract would be in place for forty-foot buses and was told that the specification was in development and that a RFP would be put out on the street in September of 2012.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Commers and passed unanimously. Chair Elkins stated that this item could proceed to the full Council as a Consent Item.

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Meeting date: August 13, 2012
Metropolitan Council Meeting: August 22, 2012

ADVISORY INFORMATION

-Date: August 3, 2011
Subject: Authorization to Purchase 45 Option Forty-foot Diesel Gillig Buses
District(s), Member(s): All
Policy/Legal Reference: Council Procurement Policy
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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 is contingent on approval by the Metropolitan Council of the 3rd Quarter Capital Amendment contained in Business Item No. 2012-224 "2012 Unified Capital Program Amendment" in Project 61611.

Known Support/Opposition

There is no known opposition to the proposed action.