

Meeting date: April 23, 2007

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: April 16, 2007

Subject: Small Bus Regional Fleet Contract Authorization

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: State of Minnesota Cooperative Vehicle Procurement; contract numbers 437102,437103,437105,437099

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Division/Department: Metropolitan Transportation Services

Proposed Action/Motion

That the Regional Administrator be authorized to execute purchase agreements with the following vendors for small buses:

1. Hogle Bus Co. Inc. (437103) for 25 Regional Fleet buses in an amount not to exceed \$1,711,035.
2. North Central Bus Sales (437102) for 4 Regional Fleet buses in an amount not to exceed \$263,422.
3. Superior Transit Sales (437105) for 4 Regional Fleet buses in an amount not to exceed \$242,205.
4. Besner Bus and Equipment Inc. (437099) for 2 Regional Fleet buses in an amount not to exceed \$124,319.

Issue(s)

The vehicles purchased under these agreements will replace existing Regional Fleet small buses that either meet or exceed their useful life as established by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). By utilizing the State Contract for procurement of these vehicles the Metropolitan Council will:

- Improve standardization of bus fleet in terms of option items added to the standard base vehicle; and
- Improve oversight of the procurement process and maximized cost savings.

Overview and Funding

This bus acquisition utilizes the State of Minnesota Cooperative Vehicle Procurement Contract Release #B347(5). This contract covers 2007 model year accessible small and mid-sized body on chassis buses and purpose build medium duty accessible buses. This procurement process has simplified the purchase process, is compliant with all State and Federal regulations, and provides the Metropolitan Council with very competitive and stable pricing.

Capital funding for these purchase agreements are outlined in the Adopted 2007 Authorized Capital Program and Capital Budget adopted on December 13, 2006.

The combined contracts represent \$2,340,981 in small bus purchases in 2007.