

T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: April 28, 2008

Council meeting May 14, 2008

ADVISORY INFORMATION	
Date:	April 18, 2008
Subject:	Authorization to Purchase 30' Gilligs
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Transportation Policy Plan, 2008-2013 Capital Improvement Program, Council Action Item 2008-62
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Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

Proposed Action/Motion

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a contract with Gillig for three 30' buses, to be operated by regional transit providers in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.

Overview and Funding

Neither the Council nor the State Department of Administration currently have a contract for mid-sized heavy duty transit buses. The Metropolitan Council has a need and opportunity to purchase 30-foot transit buses off of a contract that was competitively procured by Kenosha, WI. Kenosha, WI is amenable to transferring three options to the Council.

These vehicles are needed to implement route 705, a new all day cross-town route that will operate on Winnetka Avenue, between Louisiana Avenue Transit Center and Starlite Transit Center, as part of phase two of the Northwest Metro Transit Redesign (sector 8). These mid-size buses will offer an appropriate level of capacity for the newly created service and offer significantly lower operating costs when compared to the contract rates for 40-foot buses.

Service is scheduled to begin in March 2009. The lead time required for a complete Request for Proposal (RFP) and vehicle build process would delay implementation of the new service, precipitating the desire to piggy-back on the Kenosha, WI agreement. All three buses will be owned by the Council as part of the regional fleet.

Funding

This project was approved by the Transportation Committee and Management Committee, item 2008-62, as an amendment to the 2008 Authorized Capital Program. The Council is scheduled to act on this item on April 23, 2008 and execution of this agreement is subject to Council approval of the capital budget amendment.