

T Transportation Committee

Business Item

Item: 2009-127

Meeting date: April 27, 2009

For Metropolitan Council meeting: May 13, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: April 6, 2009
Subject: Authorization to Exercise Contract Options to Purchase Eight Thirty-Foot Transit Buses for Anoka County.
District(s), Member(s): All
Policy/Legal Reference: Council Procurement Policy, Council Action 2008-311
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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to exercise existing contract options with Gillig Corporation, to purchase eight thirty-foot replacement buses for Anoka County in an amount not to exceed \$2,700,000 contingent upon approval of Council capital amendment business item 2009-121.

Background

The Council awarded a contract to Gillig Corporation through business item 2008-311 on December 10, 2008. The contract included a base quantity of eight buses that have been purchased for MTS contracted services and are scheduled for delivery in May 2009. The contract also includes the option of purchasing up to an additional twenty-five buses. The Council has not exercised any of the twenty-five options to date. Approval of this item will leave seventeen options still available for purchase by the Council.

Rationale

Approval of this request will allow eight existing buses, operated under contract with Anoka County, to be replaced. These buses are expected to be delivered during the fourth quarter of 2010. The existing buses will exceed their expected service life prior to delivery of the new buses.

Funding

This purchase will use \$2,080,000 in 5307 federal formula funds, and \$620,000 in local match (RTC). Replacement of these buses is in the 2009 Authorized Capital Plan adopted December 10, 2008. Council business item 2009-121, a 2009 Unified Capital Improvement Plan and Capital Program and Budget Amendment, is scheduled for Council approval on May 13, 2009 and adds \$100,000 to previously authorized project 35783 to cover the difference between the original project cost estimate and the actual project costs. Following the capital budget amendment approval, the Council will exercise the contract options.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.