

# T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009

For Metropolitan Council meeting: May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009

## ADVISORY INFORMATION

<b>Date:</b>	April 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2009
<b>Subject:</b>	Authorization to Exercise Option to Purchase 29 Articulated Transit Buses
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	All
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	Council Procurement Policy
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<b>Division/Department:</b>	Metro Transit

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to exercise an existing contract option with New Flyer of America, Inc., to purchase 29 sixty-foot, articulated low-floor transit buses in an amount not-to-exceed \$19,000,000 contingent upon approval of Council item 2009-121, titled "2009 Unified Capital Improvement Plan and Capital Program and Budget Amendment" on May 13, 2009.

### Background

The Council awarded a contract to New Flyer of America in December 2006 for 10 sixty-foot, low-floor articulated transit buses. The contract includes an option for the Council to purchase up to 55 additional articulated buses. The Council exercised a contract option to purchase 15 buses in October 2007 and 11 buses in July of 2008; 29 option buses remain.

### Rationale

In 2010, Metro Transit will replace 29 New Flyer articulated buses which have reached the end of their useful life per Federal Transit Administration regulations. 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

The price of the option buses will be established according to the escalation clause based on the Producer Price Index in the contract. The 2006 purchase price was \$565,107 per bus.

Funding for the purchase of these buses is available in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding allocated to transit capital investments.

### Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.