

T Transportation Committee

Business Item

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ADVISORY INFORMATION

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Subject: Interdivisional Transfer of Vehicles

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Capital Program and Federal Transit Administration Satisfactory Continuing Control Requirements Service Agreements

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Division/Department: MTS/Metro Transit

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the interdivisional transfer of two (2) buses from Metro Transit assets to Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS) regional fleet assets.

Background

Over the past year, Metro Transit Service Development and MTS staff worked to develop a service restructure plan in the Minneapolis and St. Paul northern suburbs. Some routes will be transferred between Metro Transit and MTS to better match performance to service operator, and to address overloads on some express routes. As part of the service changes, MTS will retire 1984 and 1985 forty-foot Gillig buses currently operated by Lorenz Bus and replace them with two Metro Transit buses. These transferred buses will be operated by Lorenz under contract with MTS on routes 62, 262, 275 and 80 in the northern suburbs.

Rationale

Since 2007 Metro Transit has included in the fleet plan a transfer of buses for MTS services in the Minneapolis and St. Paul northern suburbs. Metro Transit has 10-year-old buses available for transfer and MTS contractors will keep them in revenue service until they are 12 years old and not needed for service. MTS will manage FTA reporting and disposal of these buses upon retirement.

Funding

These vehicles will be covered by Federal Transit Administration Satisfactory Continuing Control Requirements compliance service agreements with the regional providers for the use of Regional Fleet Vehicles. There are no funding implications related to this transfer.

Known Support/Opposition

No known opposition