

# T Transportation Committee

**Business Item**

Item: 2009-361

(amended)

**Meeting date: October 14, 2009**

**For Metropolitan Council meeting: October 28, 2009**

## ADVISORY INFORMATION

**Date:** October 5, 2009

**Subject:** Authorization to Purchase Small Replacement Buses

**District(s), Member(s):** All

**Policy/Legal Reference:** State of Minnesota Cooperative Vehicle Procurement: Contract numbers 440473, 440475

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**Division/Department:** Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute purchase agreements with the following vendors for small buses in an amount not to exceed \$710,000

1. Hoglund Bus Co. Inc (440473) for 11 buses.
2. North Central Bus Co (440475) for 1 bus.

### Background

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

- 1) improve standardization of the bus fleet in terms of option items added to the standard base vehicle; and
- 2) improve oversight of the procurement process; and
- 3) maximize cost savings.

### Rationale

The buses requested in this action will replace existing fleet and will be assigned to Transit Link regional dial-a-ride services.

### Funding

Regional Transit Capital funds will be used to purchase these vehicles. This bus acquisition utilizes the State of Minnesota Cooperative Vehicle Procurement Contract Release B347 (5). This contract covers 2009 model year accessible small and mid-sized body on chassis buses and purpose build medium duty accessible buses. This procurement is compliant with all state and Federal regulations, and provides the Metropolitan Council with competitive and stable pricing.

Capital funding for these purchase agreements is available in the current 2009 Authorized Capital Program and Capital Budget

### Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.