

T Transportation Committee

Business Item

Item: 2009-388

Meeting date: November 23, 2009

For Metropolitan Council meeting: December 9, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	Nov 17, 2009
Subject:	Authorization to Exercise Contract Options with Gillig Corporation
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Council Procurement Policy; Council Contract #07P162
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Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to exercise existing options on contract #07P162 with Gillig Corporation to purchase two forty-foot low-floor replacement buses in an amount not to exceed \$810,000.

Background

The Council awarded contract #07P162 to Gillig Corporation in October 2007. The contract includes the purchase of 314 forty-foot buses with an option for up to an additional 300 forty-foot buses. Staff must receive Council approval prior to the exercise of options.

Metro Transit has determined that there are uncommitted forty-foot diesel bus options on the Gillig contract and have made them available to MTS to satisfy regional fleet needs. Plymouth Metrolink has two large transit buses scheduled for replacement in 2010.

Council staff will work with Plymouth to match vehicle specifications with their service needs. The base price on this contract for a diesel bus is \$345,324 (plus \$8,080 for warranty and \$3,200 for delivery). Per the terms of the agreement, pricing on option buses is subject to a Producer Price Index escalation. The exact adjusted price of these option buses will be established when the option is exercised.

Rationale

The buses requested in this action will replace two of the regional fleet vehicles assigned to Plymouth Metrolink and are eligible for replacement in 2010. This capital project was included in the 2009-2014 Capital Improvement Plan and amended into the Authorized Capital Plan under Council action item #2009-253 on September 9, 2009.

Funding

Regional Transit Capital funds are budgeted and will be used to purchase these vehicles.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.