

**T** Transportation Committee  
Meeting date: October 11, 2010

Metropolitan Council Meeting: October 27, 2010

**ADVISORY INFORMATION**

**Date:** October 5, 2010  
**Subject:** Authorization to Purchase 25 Sixty-Foot Articulated Transit Buses  
**District(s), Member(s):** All  
**Policy/Legal Reference:** Council Procurement Policy  
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**Proposed Action**

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a purchase agreement with New Flyer of America using State of Minnesota Contract No. 442668 for the purchase of 25 replacement articulated buses in an amount not to exceed \$17,059,622.25, contingent on satisfactory results from the Pre-Award Buy America Audit.

**Background**

Metro Transit is replacing 25 articulated buses in mid-2011. Ten of these buses will be 12 years of age at replacement and the remaining 15 will be 13 years of age at replacement. New Flyer of America was awarded a contract with the State of Minnesota, and this contract is available to the Council as a member of the State's Cooperative Purchasing Venture program. The estimated contract price is \$682,384.89 per bus and this is fair and reasonable based on comparison to recent prices paid by the Council for articulated buses considering inflation and new equipment installed on the buses.

**Rationale**

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**

Funding for these replacement articulated buses is contained in the 2010-2015 Capital Improvement Plan in project 61611.

**Known Support/Opposition**

There is no known opposition to the proposed action.