

T Transportation Committee

Business Item
Item: 2011-185
Consent

Meeting date: June 27, 2011

Council Meeting: July 13, 2011

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	June 16, 2011
Subject:	Authorization to Execute Grant Agreement with SouthWest Transit
District(s), Member(s):	District 3 – Munt, District 4, Van Eyll
Policy/Legal Reference:	2011 Capital Program; Metropolitan Council Fleet Management Procedures
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Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a grant agreement with SouthWest Transit (SWT) for up to \$350,000 for the mid-life rehabilitation of twenty large transit buses.

Background

Publicly funded vehicles with a useful life of twelve years or more, per the Council's Fleet Management Procedures adopted September 2010, are eligible for mid-life rehabilitation to include seat upholstery replacements, repair of uneven flooring, interior hardware (such as grab rails), privacy shields, seat frames, exterior paint, body work, lift overhauls, articulated joints and bus frames. SouthWest Transit is requesting the mid-life rehabilitation of eight 2001 and 2003 MCI coaches and twelve 2003 Gillig low-floor buses.

Rationale

Midlife rehabilitations are performed on vehicles to help reduce operating costs, which results in fewer breakdowns and minor repairs. The objective is to ultimately maintain or improve the physical condition of the vehicle, while maintaining or improving the service performance of the fleet.

Funding

This project will be funded with Regional Transit Capital (RTC) and is included in the 2011 Authorized Capital Program.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.