

T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: October 10, 2011

Council Meeting October 26, 2011

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	September 30, 2011
Subject:	Authorization to Exercise Contract Options with Motor Coach Industries
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Council Procurement Policy, Council Contract #08P114, 2011 Capital Plan
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Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services(MTS)

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to exercise an existing contract option on contract #08P114 with Motor Coach Industries (MCI) to purchase one coach bus in an amount not to exceed \$550,000.

Background

The Council awarded contract #08P144 to MCI in January 2009. The contract includes the purchase of 26 forty-five foot buses with an option for up to an additional 86 forty-five foot buses. Staff must receive Council approval prior to the exercise of options. The base price on this contract for a diesel bus is \$526,645. 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

This coach bus will replace a transit bus for Prior Lake that has reached the end of its service life. 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

This vehicle will be funded with a combination of Section 5307 federal formula funds (NTD) and the required local match of Regional Transit Capital bonds. This project was amended in the Authorized Capital Program on July 13, 2011 with Business Item 2011-136.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.