

Meeting date: October 22, 2007

For the Metropolitan Council Meeting – November 14, 2007

ADVISORY INFORMATION	
Date:	October 12, 2007
Subject:	Procurement of Metro Mobility and Scott County Small Buses
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	State of Minnesota Cooperative Vehicle Procurement contract numbers 437102, 437103, 437105
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Arlene McCarthy, Director MTS (651)602-1754 Chris Gran, Director of Purchasing – Metro Transit (612)349-5060 Gerri Sutton, Asst. Dir. Contracted Transit Services (651)602-1672 Paul Colton, Operations Manager – Metro Mobility (651)602-1668 Alex Curtiss, Fleet Manager – MTS (561)602-1487
Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)/Metro Mobility

Proposed Action/Motion

That the Regional Administrator be authorized to execute purchase agreements with the following vendors for small buses:

1. North Central Bus & Equipment (MNDOT Contract 437102) for up to 23 buses in an amount not to exceed \$1,396,786; and
2. Hoglund Bus Co. Inc. (MNDOT Contract 437103) for up to 10 buses in an amount not to exceed \$549,317; and
3. Superior Transit Sales DBA Minnesota Body & Equipment (MNDOT Contract 437105) for up to 10 buses in an amount not to exceed \$556,673.

Issue(s)

This procurement is in alignment with the bus replacement schedule and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) established by MTS for Metro Mobility and the regional providers. The plan allows for the expansion of the current Metro Mobility fleet by four (4) additional buses due to increasing growth in Metro Mobility ridership. In addition, this procurement includes a budget of up to \$300,000 for three regional fleet replacement vehicles that will be assigned to Scott County Transit.

Overview and Funding

This bus acquisition utilizes the State of Minnesota Cooperative Vehicle Procurement Contract Release #B-347(5) issued September 21, 2006. Proposals were due to MNDOT on November 8, 2006. This procurement process has simplified the purchase process, is compliant with all State and Federal regulations, and provides the Metropolitan Council with competitive and stable pricing. The MNDOT vehicle contract expires on November 30, 2007.

Capital funding, utilizing Regional Transit Capital funds, for these purchase agreements are outlined in Council Action Item 2007-254 titled “2007 Capital Program Budget Amendment”. The combined contracts represent a total cost of \$2,502,776.

