

T Transportation Committee
For the Metropolitan Council meeting of October 26,
2011

Item: 2011-277

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date October 11, 2011
Prepared:
Subject: Procurement of Metro Mobility Buses

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a purchase agreement with:

1. North Central Bus Sales (MNDOT Contract 444441) for up to 53 buses in an amount not to exceed \$3,286,000.
2. Hogle Bus (MNDOT Contract 444438) for up to seven buses in an amount not to exceed \$434,000.

Execution of these agreements is contingent upon Council approval of Business Item 2011-259 "Unified Capital Program Amendment" on October 26, 2011.

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

Council Member Reynoso asked why Metro Mobility purchases vehicles from multiple vendors. Staff responded that it was common practice to order from multiple vendors for large bus orders which allows the Council to receive equipment in a timelier manner. Staff also explained that all of the chassis are built by Ford and that there are several body manufacturers that build buses on the Ford chassis. Most of the time to manufacture the bus is in the constructing of the body portion of the bus.

Council Member Schreiber asked what happens to the buses that are retired and taken out of service. Staff responded that they are auctioned off to the public through the State of Minnesota's Surplus Services division. In some cases vehicles are scrapped if a major component fails on the vehicle at the time of replacement.

The motion to approve was made by Councilmember Commers and seconded by Councilmember Munt. Motion passed unanimously.

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Business Item

Item: 2011-277

Meeting date: October 10, 2011

Metropolitan Council meeting: October 26, 2011

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	October 3, 2011
Subject:	Procurement of Metro Mobility Buses
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	State of Minnesota Cooperative Vehicle Procurement contract release number B-347(5)
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Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

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Background

This procurement is in alignment with the bus replacement schedule and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) approved by the Council. Approval of this request satisfies the first of two orders to replace Metro Mobility buses in 2012. The remaining 2012 replacements, identified in the CIP, will be brought forward to the Council after the State of Good Repair awards are announced by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in late October. Buses purchased with this authorization will be delivered in April 2012.

Rationale

The purchase of these buses is in alignment with the planned fleet replacement cycle allowing for a reliable Metro Mobility fleet and is consistent with past fleet purchases. Buses that are scheduled for replacement will have mileage thresholds of between 250,000 and 415,000 miles at the time of replacement and will have been in service for an average of 5.6 years.

This bus acquisition utilizes the State of Minnesota Cooperative Procurement Venture for Vehicles Contract Release B-347(5) which was released on December 6, 2010. This procurement is compliant with all State and Federal regulations, and provides the Metropolitan Council with competitive pricing. The MnDOT vehicle contract expires on December 31, 2011.

Funding

These vehicles will be funded with a combination of Section 5307 federal formula funds (NTD) and the required local match of Regional Transit Capital bonds. Council approval of Business Item 2011-259 titled “Unified Capital Program Amendment”, scheduled for October 26, 2011, is necessary to execute these agreements.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.