

T Transportation Committee

Executive Summary

Item: 2007-312 SW

Meeting date: September 24, 2007

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	September 17, 2007
Subject:	Authorization to Purchase 15 Sixty-Foot, Articulated Buses
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Council Policy 3-3 Expenditures
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Brian Lamb, General Manager - 612-349-7510 Vince Pellegrin, Chief Operating Officer, Bus – 612-341-5612 Julie Johanson, Assistant General Manager, Admin.- 612-349-7514 Jan Homan, Director of Vehicle Maintenance – 612-349-5000 Chris Gran, Director of Purchasing – 612-349-5060
Division/Department:	Metro Transit

Proposed Action/Motion

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to exercise an existing contract option with New Flyer of America, Inc., to purchase up to 15 sixty-foot, articulated buses to be delivered by April 2008 in an amount not to exceed \$8.6 million.

Issue

This action amends previous Council authorization to reflect a revised delivery date for the 15 buses.

Overview and Funding

At its August 22, 2007 meeting, the Metropolitan Council authorized the Regional Administrator to enter into certain contracts necessary to implement the I-35 Bridge Transit Response Plan (2007-272 Revised – I-35W Bridge Response Plan). This authorization included:

- “Exercise an existing contract option with New Flyer of America, Inc., to purchase up to 15 sixty-foot, articulated buses to be delivered by the end of 2007 and in an amount not to exceed \$8.6 million.”

New Flyer has recently notified Metro Transit that they cannot produce and deliver the 15 buses by the end of 2007. The best delivery schedule New Flyer can offer is to begin production in January 2008, with the last bus delivered by the first week of April 2008. Staff recommends approval of this delivery schedule since exercising the contract option remains the most effective way to acquire buses in a timely manner to support the response plan.