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Business Item

Item: 2008-254

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For Metropolitan Council meeting: October 8, 2008

ADVISORY INFORMATION

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Subject: Authorization to Purchase Replacement Metropolitan Transportation Services Small Buses

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: State of Minnesota Cooperative Vehicle Procurement; contract numbers 437102,437103,437105,437099

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Division/Department: Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute purchase agreements with the following vendors for small buses:

1. Hoglund Bus Co. Inc. (437103) for 25 Regional Fleet buses in an amount not to exceed \$1,444,363
2. North Central Bus Sales (437102) for 19 Regional Fleet buses in an amount not to exceed \$1,168,035

Background

The vehicles purchased under these agreements will replace existing Regional Fleet small buses that either meet or exceed their useful life as established by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). By utilizing the State Contract for procurement of these vehicles the Metropolitan Council will:

- 1) Improve standardization of bus fleet in terms of option items added to the standard base vehicle; and
- 2) Improve oversight of the procurement process; and
- 3) Maximize cost savings.

Rationale

The buses requested in this action will replace forty-four regional fleet vehicles assigned to Darts, Hastings, Carver County, Scott County, Human Services, Inc and MTS contracted services. This project was included in the 2008-2013 Capital Improvement Plan and amended into the Authorized Capital Plan under Council action item #2008-154 on June 25, 2008.

Funding

This bus acquisition utilizes the State of Minnesota Cooperative Vehicle Procurement Contract Release #B347 (5). This contract covers 2008 model year accessible small and mid-sized body on chassis buses and purpose build medium duty accessible buses. This procurement has simplified the purchase process, is compliant with all State and Federal regulations, and provides the Metropolitan Council with very competitive and stable pricing.

Capital funding for these purchase agreements are outlined in the Adopted 2008 Authorized Capital Program and Capital Budget adopted on December 12, 2007.

The combined contracts represent \$2,612,398 in small bus purchases in 2008.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.