



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

Up to 80% of the project cost of \$125,000 is funded by USDOT/FTA grant money, with the remaining 20% to be funded with in kind local match consisting of planning salaries already in Metro Transit's operating budget. This grant was approved by the Board of Estimates, the Transit and Parking Commission and the Common Council in Legistar file #23960. Funding for this project is included in the 2012 Transit Utility operating budget.

Title

Authorizing Metro Transit to participate in a bid process to hire a consultant/consulting firm to conduct a Bus Size Study.

Body

WHEREAS, the Long-Range Metro Transit Planning Ad Hoc Committee recommended that a bus size and type study be done to determine the optimal mix of bus types to service the Metro Transit area; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Bus Size Study is to analyze Metro Transit's ridership and operating data to determine if a different bus size mix including 30- and/or 60-foot buses would be more efficient; and

WHEREAS, a grant agreement for this study was executed by the Mayor on 11/30/11; and

WHEREAS, there is a common perception in the community that Metro Transit would be more efficient if it used smaller buses, especially during off-peak periods; and

WHEREAS, Metro Transit also faces the challenges of overcrowding on 40' buses during peak Periods; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Planning Board (a Metropolitan Planning Organization - MPO) will oversee the study with support from City of Madison and Metro Transit staff;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Metro Transit is authorized to participate in a bid process to hire a consultant/consulting firm to conduct a Bus Size Study.