



# REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Topic: Preservation of Vintage Bus Fleet  
Date of Posting: July 25, 2020  
Submission Deadline: August 25, 2020  
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**The Minnesota Transportation Museum** Board of Directors has authorized the deaccession of its vintage bus fleet consisting of seven transit vehicles. As a museum, our purpose for this deaccession is historic preservation to secure a new home for the historic fleet whereby the collection will be preserved indefinitely, where ongoing maintenance and restoration will be conducted, and where the buses will be made available for use or viewing by the general public.

It is preferred that the entire fleet be adopted by another nonprofit organization that is committed to the preservation of historic transportation equipment. The Minnesota Transportation Museum would welcome a relationship with the future custodians of this historic equipment in order to contract for use of the vehicles for special events.

Interested and qualified parties should submit a proposal to MTM, including a short narrative that addresses each of the following topics:

1. Description of your organization and its tax reporting status (i.e. 501C3 etc.).
2. Describe the intent of acquiring the buses (i.e. preservation, restoration, display, transit, etc.).
3. Do you have the capability to remove all of the equipment, including those buses listed as “as-is” condition?
4. What is your proposed timeline for taking possession of the fleet?
5. Briefly describe your facilities for preservation, restoration, use, or display to the public.
6. Would you agree to a right of first refusal for specific equipment in the event you determine to relinquish ownership at a later date?
7. Would you be willing to partner with the Minnesota Transportation Museum for mutually beneficial periodic use of the buses for special events?
8. The dollar amount of your bid.



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## Description of Buses in Fleet:



- 1953 GMC Transit #97 “Old Look:” Currently in service with no major service issues.



- 1954 GMC Transit #1303 “Old Look:” Currently in service. No service issues.



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- 1954 GMC Transit #1399 “Old Look:” Needs service.



- 1942 MACK (Historic): Used for war plant transportation): As is condition, can be operable.
- 1951 GMC PD Intercity Bus: As is condition, can be operable.

(Photos not currently available for the following)

- 1963 GMC Transit #5303: As is condition, can be operable.
- 1954 GMC Transit #1364: Parts only

Organizations interested in viewing the bus fleet prior to submitting a proposal should contact Scott Hippert, Executive Director, at 612-743-6634. Proposals and bids must be submitted via email to [director@trainride.org](mailto:director@trainride.org) no later than August 17, 2020. MTM expects to award the fleet to the bidder that can demonstrate the highest levels of preservation and exhibit potential by August 31, 2020. Thank you.