

T Transportation Committee

Business Item
Item: SW 2009-100

Meeting date: March 23, 2009

For Metropolitan Council meeting: March 25, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: March 17th, 2009

Subject: Authorization to Amend Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL) Project Scope

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Council Policy 3-3 Expenditures

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Division/Department: MTS/Metro Transit

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council amend the project scope approved in Business Item 2008-248 for the Regional Fleet AVL contract to include Metro Transit.

Background

MTS is currently in the process of executing a contract with Continental Automotive Inc. for the purchase of Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL) and Automatic Passenger Counter (APC) devices per Business Item 2008-248 (attached). Preliminary pricing from Continental is less than staff estimates leaving available authorization for additional equipment within the \$6,654,100 previously approved.

Metro Transit needs AVL equipment for new articulated buses being delivered in 2009 and 2010.

Rationale

By purchasing this equipment in conjunction with the MTS procurement, the price paid by Metro Transit should be lower due to it being part of a larger procurement.

Funding

The regional AVL system was included in the 2008 Transportation Improvement Plan and the Council's Authorized Capital Plan. Funding for the Metro Transit aspect of this procurement is available in project 61611, 61612, 61613 and 61624.

Known Support/Opposition

No known opposition