

# T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: May 11, 2009

For Metropolitan Council meeting: May 27, 2009

## ADVISORY INFORMATION

<b>Date:</b>	April 30, 2009
<b>Subject:</b>	Authorization to Purchase Fareboxes
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	All
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	Council Policy 3-3 Expenditures
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### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to purchase 86 new Cents-A-Bill fareboxes and TRiM units from GFI Genfare, Inc. at a total cost of \$1,080,550.

### Background

Metro Transit's Cents-A-Bill fareboxes are 16 years old. A number of original fareboxes have been identified as needing replacement. In addition, 27 buses are being added to Metro Transit's fleet as a part of the UPA program. Metro Transit has not purchased new fareboxes for the purposes of replacing worn-out units since fareboxes were first installed in 1993. New fareboxes are also required to support an expanding Metropolitan Transportation Services fleet.

### Rationale

Fareboxes are a key component to funding Metro Transit's operations. By acquiring new fareboxes to replace worn-out units, Metro Transit will be reducing the maintenance costs associated with the worn-out units and increasing overall system reliability, thereby ensuring that farebox revenues continue to meet expectations.

In addition, 27 new buses are being added to Metro Transit's fleet, which will require new fareboxes to be purchased. Also, Metropolitan Transportation Services has added a number of buses to its fleet and needs to procure additional fareboxes to continue to meet equipment demands.

### Funding

Funding to purchase 86 fareboxes will include purchasing 27 fareboxes using funds from project 63740 (UPA), with the remainder being funded from project 65702.

### Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition for purchasing new Cents-A-Bill fareboxes from GFI.