Business Item Item: 2011-63

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: March 14, 2011

Metropolitan Council: March 30, 2011

**ADVISORY INFORMATION** 

Date: February 22, 2011

**Subject: Authorization To Award Contract for Armored Car** 

**Service** 

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Council Policy 3-3 Expenditures

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# **Proposed Action**

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a contract with Garda to provide armored car transport service for bus farebox and ticket vending machine cash revenue at a cost of \$481,572 over 36 months.

## **Background**

Metro Transit collected over \$25 million in cash revenue on bus fareboxes and ticket vending machines in 2010. Metro Transit contracts with an armored car company to transport cash revenues from bus garages and ticket vending machines to Central Counting, and then from Central Counting to the bank. A sealed bid process was used to solicit for these services for a three year contract from April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014. There were two bidders, Garda at a price of \$481,572 and Brinks Security for \$1,125,960. Metro Transit's current one year contract with Garda, set to expire on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011, is for \$155,263. Garda's submitted price represents an annual increase of approximately 1.6% per year compared to their current contract.

#### Rationale

By contracting with an armored car service company, Metro Transit ensures that cash revenues are transported in a safe and secure manner.

### **Funding**

Funding for armored car service is included in the annual operating budget.

## **Known Support / Opposition**

There is no known opposition.