

T Transportation Committee
For the Metropolitan Council meeting of June 25, 2008

Item: 2008-159

Consent

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date Prepared: June 11, 2008

Subject: Authorization to Purchase Light Rail Vehicle Parts

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to purchase light rail vehicle parts in accordance with Council specifications from Vulcanite Australia in the amount of \$799,512, contingent on the Federal Transit Administration granting a waiver of the Buy America waiver provision.

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

Chair Hill Smith asked if Vulcanite parts are compatible with the Bombardier cars. Staff responded that they are compatible. This item will go to the Council as Consent.

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Business Item

Item: 2008-159

Meeting date: June 9, 2008

For Metropolitan Council meeting: June 25, 2008

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	June 3, 2008
Subject:	Authorization to Purchase Light Rail Vehicle Parts
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Council Procurement Procedure 3-4-3a.
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Division/Department:	Metro Transit Rail Vehicle Maintenance

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Background

Metro Transit is scheduled to overhaul its 27 light rail vehicles (LRVs) over a two-year period beginning July 2009 and continuing through July 2011. The LRVs will reach approximately 500,000 miles each during the two-year period, at which time the vehicle manufacturer recommends overhaul of the vehicle.

The parts required to overhaul the LRVs are estimated to cost \$5.1 million. The parts with long-lead times were ordered in 2007. The rest of the required parts are now being procured.

The Council issued an Invitation for Bids for various LRV suspension parts related to the gearbox and truck frame. The solicitation was advertised in the State Register, on the Council's website, and directly sent to seven manufacturers. Two bids were received. The low bid of \$799,512 was submitted by Vulcanite Australia. This low bid price is less than the cost estimate for this purchase.

Rationale

These parts are required for overhaul of the Metro Transit's 27 LRVs.

Funding

This purchase will be assisted with FTA funds and is contained in Project 61750 Overhaul LRT Vehicles.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.