

ADVISORY INFORMATION

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Subject: Authorization to Purchase Digital Video Recording Systems
District(s), Member(s): All
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Proposed Action/Motion

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to purchase 240 digital video recording systems from Verint Video Solutions at a total cost of \$1,173,360.

Issue

Retrofitting 240 buses with enhanced multi-camera digital recording systems is part of Metro Transit’s plan to improve security on board its buses.

Overview and Funding

Metro Transit solicited bids for new digital cameras on 240 of its buses. All buses in Metro Transit’s fleet already have camera systems, and the new systems will replace video-cassette recording systems. The new cameras will have better lens, continuous recording capabilities and better dependability.

Four bids were received. Verint Video Solutions submitted the low bid of \$4,889 per system, for a total price of \$1,173,360 for the 240 systems. This is a competitive price and is significantly less than the cost estimate.

Funding to purchase the 240 systems is available in Project 65315. The procurement includes an option for the Council to purchase up to an additional 400 systems over the next two years at the same bid price; additional camera systems will be purchased only if funding is available and if authorized by the Council.