## **Executive Summary**

Item: 2007-392

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# **Transportation Committee**

Meeting date: November 26, 2007

For the Metropolitan Council meeting December 12, 2007

#### ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: November 19, 2007

Subject: Authorization for Sole-Source Purchase of Rail Tire Kits

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Council Policy 3-3 Expenditures

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#### **Proposed Action/Motion**

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to purchase, during 2008, rail truck tire kits on a sole-source basis from Penn Machine Company in an amount not to exceed \$325,000.

#### Issue

Sole source procurements valued at greater than \$250,000 must be authorized by the Council.

### Overview and Funding

During 2008, Metro Transit expects to need 108 center truck tire kits and 72 power truck tire kits to replace worn out tires for a total of 180 truck tire kits. Each kit is estimated to cost \$1,800 for a total cost of \$325,000.

Penn Machine Company is the sole source for truck tire kits for Metro Transit's light rail vehicles. The tire kits are designed specifically for Metro Transit's vehicle and are not available from any other source.

Metro Transit has assembled its expected ongoing sole source purchases during 2008. This sole source request with Penn Machine Company is the only request expected to exceed \$250,000.

Funds are available for this purchase in Metro Transit's operating budget.