

T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: February 23, 2009

For Metropolitan Council meeting: March 11, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION	
Date:	February 17, 2009
Subject:	Authorization to Exercise Options to Purchase Bus Digital Recording Systems
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Council Policy 3-3 Expenditures
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Division/Department:	Metro Transit

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to exercise options to retrofit 178 buses with digital video recording systems from Verint Video Solutions at a total cost of \$870,242.

Background

A contract to retrofit 240 buses with digital video recording systems from Verint Video Solutions was authorized by the Metropolitan Council via Business Item 2007-211 in June, 2007. This project has been completed, and all aspects of the system are functioning per the specification. The contract also allows for the retrofit of additional units if funding is available and if authorized by the Council. The purchase price of \$4,889 per unit price is the same price per unit we paid in 2007.

Rationale

The digital video recording (DVR) system provides simultaneous recording with multiple cameras. The voice and video quality is far superior to the current video cassette recording (VCR) systems and can capture up to one week of recording compared to 8 hours with the VCR system. The DVR system provides Metro Transit with very detailed information. Police use this information for the identification and arrest of individuals breaking laws on the bus. Risk Management and the Safety Department utilize the DVR system to investigate vehicle accidents, injuries, and accident claims that occur on or off the bus. Lastly, with the DVR units, remote video retrieval is utilized saving many hours of labor collecting VCR tapes from buses.

Funding

Funding for this project is available in project 65315.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.