

T Transportation Committee
Meeting date: November 23, 2009
Metropolitan Council Meeting: December 9, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: November 6, 2009
Subject: Authorization to Purchase Bus Batteries
District(s), Member(s): All
Policy/Legal Reference: Council Expenditure Policy
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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to purchase bus batteries from Batteries Plus in accordance with Council specifications and Batteries Plus' bid price, for a two-year term with an option to extend up to an additional two years.

Background

Metro Transit requires a new agreement for purchase of bus batteries to replace the expiring agreement. Metro Transit bus battery usage averages approximately 1400 batteries per year, and it is expected to remain similar over the next four-year period.

Rationale

Invitations for Bids were advertised and courtesy emails sent to 16 firms. Two bids were received for \$101.84 and \$104.63 per battery. Staff has determined the low bid of \$101.84 submitted by Batteries Plus to be the lowest responsive/responsible bid. Metro Transit currently pays \$101.47 per battery. Based on estimated usage, expenditures for the two-year term are estimated at \$285,000.

Funding

Funds are available in Metro Transit's operating budget.

Known Support/Opposition

There is no known opposition to the proposed action.