

T Transportation Committee
 Meeting date: February 14, 2011
 Council meeting: February 23, 2011

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: February 4, 2011
Subject: Authorization to Purchase Fareboxes
District(s), Member(s): All
Policy/Legal Reference: Council Policy 3-3 Expenditures
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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to purchase 28 new Cents-A-Bill Fareboxes with TRIM units from GFI Genfare, Inc. on a sole source basis in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.

Background

Twenty-eight fareboxes are needed to equip both expansion and planned replacement buses for regional providers over the next two years. All fixed route transit services in the region use GFI Cents-A-Bill Fareboxes and TRIM units to collect cash and process magnetic card fare media. The GFI system is not compatible with fare collection equipment manufactured by other vendors which requires this purchase to be sole source from GFI.

Rationale

Most fareboxes used in the region have been in service for 15-20 years. The age and condition of the equipment requires significant resources to maintain, are susceptible to on-street failures resulting in lost revenue and justifies the investment in new units from a cost-benefit perspective.

Funding

These 28 new Fareboxes will use Regional Transit Capital bonds already approved within the Transportation Division's Authorized Capital Program.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.