

T Transportation Committee
For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 9, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date December 2, 2009
Prepared:
Subject: Authorization to Purchase Bus Batteries

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.

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

Jan Homan, Metro Transit Director of Bus Maintenance, presented the item to the committee. There were no questions and no further discussion.

Motion by Councilmember Leppik, seconded by Councilmember Hilker. Item passed unanimously.

Business Item

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Item: 2009-423

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

Staff Prepared/Presented: Brian Lamb, Metro Transit General Manager, 612-349-7510

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Division/Department: Metro Transit Bus Maintenance

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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.