

Committee Report

Item: 2012-118

Consent

T Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of April 25, 2012

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date Prepared: April 10, 2012

Subject: Authorization to Purchase GFI Fare Collection Equipment

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to purchase thirty-seven Cents-A-Bill Fareboxes with TRIM units from GFI Genfare, Inc. on a sole source basis in an amount not to exceed \$475,000.

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

This item was approved as part of the consent item list.

Motion by Munt, seconded by Commers and passed unanimously.

Business Item

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Consent

Meeting date: April 9, 2012

Council Meeting: April 25 , 2012

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	March 28, 2012
Subject:	Authorization to Purchase GFI Fare Collection Equipment
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	2012 Capital Program
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Arlene McCarthy, MTS Director (651-602-1754) Micky Gutzmann, Procurement Director (651-602-1741) Gerri Sutton, MTS Asst. Director (651-602-1672) Alex Curtiss, Manager, Fleet Services (651-602-1487)
Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to purchase thirty-seven Cents-A-Bill Fareboxes with TRIM units from GFI Genfare, Inc. on a sole source basis in an amount not to exceed \$475,000.

Background

Thirty-seven fareboxes are needed to equip both expansion and replacement buses for regional providers over the next eighteen months. All fixed route transit services in the region use GFI Cents-A-Bill Fareboxes and TRIM units to collect cast 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

Regional Transit Capital bonds will be used to purchase these 37 new fareboxes.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.