FTA Energy Storage Demonstration Project

PURPOSE:

To request approval to a) implement FTA Energy Storage Demonstration Grant of $300,000 (100% federal funding, no match requirement); b) amend the FY2010 capital budget to reflect the award of the grant; c) create a new capital project and d) initiate and award competitive no-cost contract(s) to partner with one or more suppliers to provide, at no cost to Metro, a wayside battery storage system with installation support. Metro will monitor this sustainability initiative, test and evaluate the system to determine the benefits and feasibility of using this approach to reduce power consumption and increasing the stability and reliability of the traction power substations.

DESCRIPTION:

This action supports the following two strategic goals:
1) Use every resource wisely by targeting investments that reduce cost or increase revenue.
2) Maintain and enhance Metro`s image by using natural resources efficiently and reducing environmental impacts.

The Metro fleet of over 1,100 railcars produces regenerative braking energy which is transferred between railcars. This occurs when two railcars on adjoining tracks occupy the same traction block, one is braking and the other is accelerating. This is known as being "receptive". Currently, there is no capability of storing this energy when it cannot be immediately utilized by another railcar.

There are manufacturers that have developed wayside energy storage equipment capable of retaining the energy and making it available to a railcar that enters the block at a later time. The manufacturers contend that this will produce a substantial reduction in power usage; reduce peak power loads; reduce voltage sags at locations remote from the substations; and; where practical, delay or defer the need to add additional traction power capability. The
objective of this project is to examine the technical performance, feasibility and cost-effectiveness of this type of system.

More than one test site and storage scheme may be used for this test depending on the response to the RFP and funding constraints. The testing will be structured to evaluate the relative performance of different storage methods and controls, determine the actual energy savings and how these may be optimized.

Discussions have been held with companies expressing an interest in partnering and sharing the costs for this project. To be considered they must show demonstrable experience with such systems. In addition to the experience, the companies must be willing to absorb the cost of the simulation and analysis to determine the size and cost-effectiveness of their equipment and to contribute to the supply and installation of the equipment for the demonstration project. Most companies willing to participate in this project do not appear to have experience with site preparation and installation and, therefore, this will be done in part by Metro staff. Further, discussions have been held with third-party experts to parallel the data collection process and to perform cost-benefit analysis during the study.

This initiative should reduce power consumption and increase the stability and reliability of the traction power substations allowing for a more efficient use of Metro resources.

FUNDING IMPACT:

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RECOMMENDATION:

Approval to:

a) implement FTA Energy Storage Demonstration Grant of $300,000;
b) amend the FY2010 Beyond Metro Matters Capital Budget from $0 to $300,000
to reflect the award of the grant;
c) create a new capital project and
d) initiate and award competitive no-cost contract(s) to partner with one or more
suppliers to provide at no cost a wayside battery storage system with installation
support, assess the cost savings, determine the return on investment through
simulations and actual testing, and increase the stability and reliability of traction
power substations.
PRESENTED AND ADOPTED: June 24, 2010

SUBJECT: AMEND THE FY2010 BUDGET TO INCLUDE THE ENERGY STORAGE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

2010-34
RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD of DIRECTORS
OF THE
WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (Metro) has been awarded a Federal Transit Administration grant totaling $300,000; and

WHEREAS, The grant is 100% Federal funding and does not require any local jurisdictional matching funds; and

WHEREAS, The grant provides support to examine the feasibility and cost-effectiveness of installing a wayside energy storage system to capture and reuse regenerated brake energy that is currently being lost; and

WHEREAS, The grant will fund project organization, procurement and management; installation; data collection and evaluation; and final report and recommendation costs; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors increases the FY2010 Beyond Metro Matters Capital Budget from $0 to $300,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors authorizes the General Manager to initiate and award one or more competitive contracts to partner with one or more suppliers to provide, on a demonstration basis and at no cost to Metro, a wayside battery storage system with installation support which is hoped will increase the stability and reliability of the Traction Power Substations; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors authorizes the use of federal grant funds referenced in this Resolution to fund project organization, procurement and management; installation of the demonstration equipment; data collection and evaluation; and final report and recommendation costs which will include an assessment of the cost savings and determine the return on investment through simulations and actual testing; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,

Carol B. O'Keeffe
General Counsel

Motioned by Mrs. Hudgins, seconded by Mr. Graham
Ayes: 7 - Mr. Benjamin, Mrs. Hudgins, Mr. Giancola, Ms. Hewlett, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham and Mr. Downey