

**Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority
Board Action/Information Summary**

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PURPOSE

This purpose of this action is to seek approval to initiate and award a competitive contract for the purchase of restraining rail and associated component parts.

DESCRIPTION

The Office of Track and Structures/ Systems Maintenance is responsible for the safety, reliability and maintenance of the entire rail system.

Restraining rails are laid parallel to the running rail and prevent the wheel of the rail car from becoming derailed and also helps minimize rail wear. The use of restraining rails is the safest and most reliable method of preventing derailments on tight radius curves. The existing restraining rails are obsolete and require excessive maintenance.

To ensure safe movement of rail cars, it has been determined that all loop tracks and yard leads, requires the installation of restraining rails to prevent the potential for a derailment. The existing restraining rails will be replaced and installed by in house work forces in the rail yards located at Alexandria, West Falls Church, Greenbelt and Shady Grove.

FUNDING IMPACT

Budget Program:	Proposed FY08 Infrastructure Renewal program		
Project Title:	Right-of-Way Track Rehabilitation		
Budget Information:	FY08	FY09	Total
Budget Amount:	\$20,722,717	\$21,748,492	\$42,201,209
This Contract Action:	990,990	1,209,010	2,200,000
Prior Obligations for this activity:	<u>6,861,400*</u>	<u>6,014,800</u>	<u>12,876,200</u>
Subtotal:	\$7,852,390	\$7,223,810	\$15,076,200
Remaining Budget for this activity:	\$12,870,327	\$14,254,682	\$27,125,009

* Prior approvals for Right-of-Way Track Rehabilitation consist of multi-year contracts for the purchase of rail, switches, equipment, materials, and associated rail service contracts.

Remarks: Funding for FY09 is subject to Board approval of the budget and the availability of funds.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve this action to initiate and award a competitive contract for the purchase of Yard Restraining Rail.