

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Board Action/Information Summary

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TITLE:

Contract Authority - Metro Matters - Rail Train

PURPOSE:

This is an action to obtain Board approval to initiate and award a competitive procurement to purchase one rail train with a rail threader car.

DESCRIPTION:

Track Production request to purchase one rail train with a rail threading car. The rail train is used for the infrastructure rail replacement program which replaces an average of 10 miles of rail per year. This threader car rail train will result in a more efficient method of replacing rail by reducing labor, fuel, and maintenance with a projected annual cost savings of \$115,000.

RAIL TRAIN

The rail carrying train is a rail-bound, 7 car, 20-pocket rail carrying train that has the ability to transport 20 pieces of 390-foot sections of continuous welded rail to the installation site on Metro`s mainline and yard tracks.

THREADER CAR

The threader car accompanies the rail train. The threader car can pick-up rail from either side of the track simultaneously and load rail onto the rail train. The threader car in the same configuration can be used to unload rail from the rail train. The rail train and threader car in configuration can be pushed or pulled by an existing Metro-owned locomotive.

FUNDING IMPACT:

Program:	Metro Matters
Project:	Rail Equipment
Budget:	\$4,000,000
This Action:	\$3,200,000
Prior Approval:	<u>800,000</u>
Remaining Budget:	\$ 0
Remarks:	Estimated Labor saving to Metro for the procurement of this item will be \$115,000 per year.
Operating Budget Impact:	Annual estimated fuel and maintenance cost will be \$3,000.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve this action to initiate and award a competitive contract to purchase 1 rail-carrying train with threader car capable of carrying 20, 390-foot rail stringers.