

Transportation Committee

CONSENT

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of January 23, 2013

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date Prepared: January 8, 2013
Subject: Northstar – Ratification of a Justification for and Declaration of Emergency for the Repair of Locomotive 501.

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council ratify a Justification for and Declaration of Emergency for the repair of Locomotive 501 by Motive Power Inc. in the amount of \$267,400.00.

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

Item presented by John Paul Zanaska. Questions from members about what type of warnings were provided within the train to indicate an oil loss prior to the incident, and also whether BNSF is liable in any way. Councilmember Commers asked, and was provided, an explanation of the definition of declaration of emergency.

Motion was made by Councilmember Commers, seconded by Councilmember Munt and passed unanimously. This item was approved to go to the full Council as Consent.

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Meeting date: January 14, 2013,

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Subject: Northstar – Ratification of a Justification for and Declaration of Emergency for the Repair of Locomotive 501

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Council Procurement Policy

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Division/Department: Metro Transit / Northstar Commuter Rail

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Background

The Metropolitan Council currently owns -six locomotives and -four locomotives are required to run the commuter rail service. Federally mandated maintenance and inspections of locomotive are required each quarter. Depending on the specific maintenance interval (quarterly, semi-annual, annual, etc.) the period of time required to perform a maintenance service can range from two to five days. The main engine in Locomotive 501 has extensive damage resulting from a catastrophic failure which occurred on October 25, 2012. With only one spare unit, Northstar is more vulnerable to a service reduction should an accident or other unforeseen incident occur.

Rationale

The original manufacturer Motive Power Inc. has the certifications, technical expertise, facility and tooling to expedite the repair. The scope of work includes removal, transport, overhaul, reinstallation, testing and certification of the main engine and associated components.

Funding

Funding would be provided from the Northstar Commuter Rail operating budget for this service.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.