

# Committee Report

Transportation Committee



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**For the Metropolitan Council:** July 9, 2025

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### Summary of Transportation Committee discussion/questions

Bus Maintenance Administration Assistant Director Anthony Zessman presented this item. Council Members voiced appreciation for the state and use of the vehicles.

Motion by Osman, seconded by Pacheco. Motion carried.

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**District(s), Member(s):** All

**Policy/Legal Reference:** FM14-2 - Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy; Minn. Stat. § 471.345

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**Division/Department:** Metro Transit Maintenance and METRO Green Line Extension Project

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### Background

Approved Business Item 2024-330, presented and approved by the Council on December 11, 2024, authorized the overall METRO Green Line Extension project budget of \$2.86 billion. The \$10 million for Non-Revenue vehicles is included in the authorized budget.

As part of the broader effort to bring the rail line into operation and support its ongoing functionality, specialized vehicles and equipment are required. This request includes 71 vehicles and 73 pieces of equipment to support the needs of the Engineering and Facilities, LRV Maintenance, Materials Management, Rail Operations, and Rail Systems Maintenance workgroups. Many of these assets are equipped with specialized systems to perform rail-specific functions and are essential for the safe and efficient operation and maintenance of the line.

Department	Equipment	Vehicle
Engineering & Facilities	62	34
LRV Maintenance	2	5
Materials Management	1	
Rail Operations		7
Systems Maintenance	8	25
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>71</b>

Purchases will be prioritized based on lead times and departmental needs to support operations, likely multiple Contract Initiation Memos (CIMs) will result. Pending approval, this Business Item will be attached to multiple CIMs in the future for reference. Purchases will utilize State Contracts or Cooperative Purchase Agreements when available or through competitive solicitation; all will comply with any required Buy America requirements.

## Rationale

The execution of a goods contract exceeding \$500,000 requires Council approval.

## Thrive Lens Analysis

On Feb. 12, 2025, the Council adopted Imagine 2050, which builds on policy direction in Thrive MSP 2040. Under the Thrive lens, this item supports several outcomes:

**Stewardship:** Transit investment provides an opportunity to reinvest and grow the capacity of our communities, with more inclusive development and intentional investment. It encourages businesses to invest in communities, which means access to resources, community amenities, jobs, and other community assets.

**Equity:** Connections to other METRO lines and countless local bus routes will bring people to jobs, jobs to communities, and access to communities across the region.

**Livability:** The METRO Green Line Extension will add 14.5 miles to the existing Line, which connects downtown Minneapolis, downtown Saint Paul, and places in-between. This segment connects Eden Prairie, Minnetonka, Hopkins, and St. Louis Park to both downtown Minneapolis and Saint Paul, and major destinations at the University of Minnesota and the State Capitol.

**Prosperity:** The METRO Green Line Extension reflects strategic investment in regional infrastructure that will promote economic competitiveness and create prosperity for the region. Despite being under construction, the METRO Green Line Extension has already seen \$3.1 billion of investment within a half-mile of the line. Another \$738 million of investment is planned.

**Sustainability:** As many as 700,000 more people will be living, working, and moving around the Twin Cities region by 2040. As a result, a robust transportation system is needed to provide the region with choices and more mobility..

## Funding

The cost for these purchases is a METRO Green Line Extension Project (61001) eligible cost. Funds for these purchases are contained within the Green Line Extension project 61001, account 77060. The Green Line Extension project is included in the Capital Investment Plan.

## Small Business Inclusion

The Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity (OEEO) will review the individual CIMs for these purchases as they are submitted.

