

# T Transportation Committee

**Meeting date: April 9, 2012**

**Council Meeting: April 25 , 2012**

## **ADVISORY INFORMATION**

<b>Date:</b>	March 28, 2012
<b>Subject:</b>	Authorization to Purchase GFI Fare Collection Equipment
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	All
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	2012 Capital Program
<b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b>	Arlene McCarthy, MTS Director (651-602-1754) Micky Gutzmann, Procurement Director (651-602-1741) Gerri Sutton, MTS Asst. Director (651-602-1672) Alex Curtiss, Manager, Fleet Services (651-602-1487)
<b>Division/Department:</b>	Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

### **Proposed Action**

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to purchase thirty-seven Cents-A-Bill Fareboxes with TRIM units from GFI Genfare, Inc. on a sole source basis in an amount not to exceed \$475,000.

### **Background**

Thirty-seven fareboxes are needed to equip both expansion and replacement buses for regional providers over the next eighteen months. All fixed route transit services in the region use GFI Cents-A-Bill Fareboxes and TRIM units to collect cast and process magnetic card fare media. The GFI system is not compatible with fare collection equipment manufactured by other vendors which requires this purchase to be sole source from GFI.

### **Rationale**

Most fareboxes used in the region have been in service for 15-20 years. The age and condition of the equipment requires significant resources to maintain, are susceptible to on-street failures resulting in lost revenue and justifies the investment in new units from a cost-benefit perspective.

### **Funding**

Regional Transit Capital bonds will be used to purchase these 37 new fareboxes.

### **Known Support / Opposition**

There is no known opposition.