

**Transportation Committee**

Meeting date: January 14, 2013,

For the Council Meeting of January 23, 2013

**ADVISORY INFORMATION**

**Date:** January 8, 2013

**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

**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.

**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.