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TO: **Board of Directors**

FROM: **Tom Schamber, Chief Financial Officer**

SUBJECT: **Single Source Contract with Calmat Co. dba Vulcan Materials Co. for Provision of Railway Ballast and Rip-Rap Rock**

Issue

The Authority's Materials Management Department is seeking approval to negotiate and award a single source contract with Calmat Co. dba Vulcan Materials Co for the provision of Railway Ballast and rip-rap rock needed to support the maintenance of the Authority's right-of-way.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and award a three-year Single Source Contract with Calmat Co. dba Vulcan Materials for the provision of as needed railway ballast and rip-rap rock for an estimated not-to-exceed amount of $983,501.

Strategic Commitment

The report aligns with the Strategic Business Plan commitment of:

- **Safety is foundational:** We will stay on the leading edge by deploying new technologies and processes to enhance the safety and security of our riders, employees and the communities we serve. This single source contract allows Metrolink the ability to purchase Railway ballast and rip-rap rock needed to maintain the stability and state of good repair of the Authority's track system.

Background

Railway ballast and rip-rap rock are critical components of the railroad track system. Ballast supports load distribution, track stabilization, water drainage, vibration and noise absorption. Rip-rap rock prevents soil erosion. This single source contract will allow the Materials Management department the ability to purchase the needed ballast and rip-rock in a timely manner to ensure the Authority's track system is kept in a state of good repair.

Discussion

The Contracts and Procurement department has attempted to establish a multi-year contract for the provision of ballast and rip-rap rock twice over the last year and a half. IFB PO985-25 closed on April 28, 2025 without any bids, then IFB PO1010-26 was posted and closed on January 16, 2026 again without any bids. Due to these two unsuccessful IFBs, a market analysis was performed to find out why the two IFBs closed without any bids. The finding was that due to the high cost of freight that's required to move ballast, it is not cost effective for suppliers that do not have facilities close to the delivery locations to bid.

Vulcan Materials Co has been the Authority's supplier of ballast and rip-rap since 2010 and it is the only supplier well positioned to supply the ballast and rip-rap quantities the Authority requires.

The approval of this Single Source Procurement method will allow the Contracts and Procurement department to negotiate a multi-year agreement with Vulcan Materials Co and establish firm pricing for ballast and rip-rap rock for the length of the contract.

Budget Impact

The amount of contract authority needed for the first year is $247,833 and has been included in the FY27 Proposed Operating Budget and use of the funds is contingent upon the Adoption of that budget by the Board. Funding for subsequent years will be requested through the annual budget process and is contingent upon approval by the Board.

Next Steps

Upon approval of this request, staff will negotiate pricing with Calmat Co. dba Vulcan Materials Co and establish a three-year agreement for the provision of ballast and rip-rap rock. Orders will be placed on as needed basis.

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Attachment(s)

Presentation - Single Source Contract with Vulcan Materials Co.