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TRANSMITTAL DATE:	**September 18, 2026**
MEETING DATE:	**September 25, 2026**
TO:	**Board of Directors**
FROM:	**Tom Schamber, Chief Financial Officer**
SUBJECT:	**Sole Source Contract EP255-26 with Westinghouse Air Brake Technologies Corporation (WABTEC) for Purchase of New Parts and Repair and Return Services for Maintenance of Rolling Stock Equipment**

Issue

The Authority's Materials Management Department is seeking approval to negotiate and award a multi-year sole source contract with WABTEC to allow for the purchase of new parts and repair services needed to perform maintenance of the Authority's rolling stock.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and award a three-year term Sole Source Contract with Westinghouse Air Brake Technologies Corporation (WABTEC) for the procurement of new parts and repair and return services for an estimated not-to-exceed amount of $10,288,510.

Strategic Commitment

The report aligns with the Strategic Business Plan commitment of:

- **Customers Are Our Business:** We respect and value our customers, putting them at the heart of all we do, and work hard to attract and retain new customers by understanding their needs and finding new and innovative ways to bring them on board. This single source contract allows Metrolink the ability to purchase and maintain adequate inventory of the parts needed to support the timely maintenance of the Authority's Rolling stock.

Background

WABTEC is the parent company of the following Original Equipment Manufacturers: Bach-Simpson, Microphor Inc, Motive Power Industries, Railroad Friction Products Corp, Transtech of South Carolina, Vapor Stone Rail Systems, Wabtec Global Services, and Wabtec Passenger Transit Div. These manufacturers collectively supply the Authority with different types of parts that support the maintenance of our rolling stock.

Currently the Authority purchases parts and repair and return services from these WABTEC manufacturers on an as needed basis utilizing contract authority approved by the Board each fiscal year through its annual budget request process. The successful negotiation of a multi-year contract agreement with WABTEC will replace the yearly request brought before the board for annual contract authority for all of these WABTEC manufacturers.

Discussion

WABTEC and its OEM subsidiaries are the Authority's main suppliers for 274 one-time-use parts and 137 repairable parts used in the maintenance of its Rolling Stock. By establishing a multi-year agreement with WABTEC, the Authority will be able to negotiate favorable terms, shorter lead times, and lock in set pricing. This will allow for better forecasting and improve availability of key components to support timely maintenance of the rolling stock.

In addition, establishing a multi-year contract with WABTEC will also streamline the procurement process and significantly reduce purchase order processing times. Instead of requesting new quotes for every purchase order, this contract will allow for the creation of a blanket purchase agreement within our ERP system. With pricing already set, the procurement department will be able to process purchase orders in a more efficient and cost-effective manner.

Budget Impact

The amount of contract authority needed for FY27 is $2,572,127 and has been included in the Proposed FY27 Operating Budget. Use of the funds will be contingent upon Board approval or the FY27 budget. Funds needed for subsequent fiscal years will be requested through the annual budget process.

Next Steps

Upon approval of this request, staff will reach out to WABTEC to negotiate pricing and establish a three-year agreement for the purchase of new one-time use parts and repair and return services. Orders will be placed on as-needed basis.

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Attachment(s)

Presentation - Sole Source Contract EP255-26 with WABTEC