

SOUND TRANSIT

MOTION NO. M99-55

King County Metro Agreement – Breda Bus Lease/Use BACKGROUND AND COMMENTS

Meeting:	Date:	Type of Action:	Staff Contact:	Phone:
Finance Committee	8/19/99	Discussion/Possible Action	Veronica Parker, Program Manager, Regional Bus Agnes Govern, Director, Regional Express	398-5042 398-5037

ACTION:

Approval of Motion No. M99-55 will authorize the execution of a lease/use agreement with King County Metro for up to twenty 1990/91 Breda buses. The dual-powered Breda buses are required to operate the downtown Seattle tunnel service for ST Express Route 550, Bellevue-Seattle. The Agreement is for three years with two single-year options and a not-to-exceed amount of \$3 million.

BACKGROUND:

Sound Move included funding for the implementation of ST Express routes. The 1999 Service Implementation Plan has programmed 193 buses to meet the ST Express service demands.

With respect to the ST Express fleet strategy, the priority is to provide an adequate number of buses on routes as defined in the 1999 Service Implementation Plan. Additionally, to meet the service objectives and to achieve efficient use of the capital fund, the short-term lease/use of the Breda buses makes this dual-fuel subfleet available for the time ST Express operates in the downtown Seattle transit tunnel. This agreement will allow Sound Transit to serve the Route 550 passengers using their route through downtown Seattle without undertaking a much higher expense to purchase similar buses.

After 2004 and the tunnel closure, Route 550 will operate above ground with buses scheduled for delivery in 2003.

RELEVANT BOARD POLICIES AND PREVIOUS ACTIONS TAKEN:

- ◆ Adoption of *Sound Move*, the Ten-Year Regional Transit System Plan (May 31, 1996).
- ◆ Adoption of Motion No. M98-3, approving bus procurement strategy (February 12, 1998).
- ◆ Adoption of Resolution No. R99-15, approving the Service Implementation Plan (July 8, 1999).
- ◆ Adoption of Resolution No. R98-49, approving 1999 Budget and Capital Plan (November 12, 1998).

KEY FEATURES:

- ◆ These buses are currently serving King County Metro's Route 226, which will become ST Express Route 550 in September.
- ◆ The unit cost is approximately \$67,500 per year. This will include the painting of the vehicles to Sound Transit's scheme, communications equipment, and transit signal priority equipment.
- ◆ The agreement will be structured as a three-year agreement with two additional 12-month options.
- ◆ The dual-power type of vehicle is needed for Route 550 service until 2004.

FUNDING:

The 1999 Adopted Budget includes the purchase of the ST Express fleet required to run the routes detailed in the 1998 Service Implementation Plan (SIP). Subsequent to the 1999 Budget, the Board adopted the 1999 SIP which, among other modifications, specified funds for Breda buses which will be operated by King County Metro in the East King County subarea.

The 1999 SIP vehicle budget reflects an increase over the 1998 SIP vehicle requirements, in addition to funds for leasing the Breda buses. A portion of the increased costs is being absorbed by capacity in other areas of the Regional Bus capital budget, while maintaining subarea equity. Overall, the capital budget is consistent with *Sound Move* Appendix A.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Finance Committee could decide not to authorize this Agreement resulting in an independent procurement or lease/use agreement for dual-power buses. The lead-time to acquire this type of vehicle will not meet the 1999 implementation date.

CONSEQUENCES OF DELAY:

Delay in authorizing this Agreement will jeopardize our ability to start Route 550 service in September.

LEGAL REVIEW:

The Legal Department has reviewed and approved the Background and Comments and the Motion.

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A motion of the Finance Committee of the Board of Directors of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the Executive Director to execute an agreement for the lease/use of up to twenty King County Metro dual-powered Breda buses in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.

Background:

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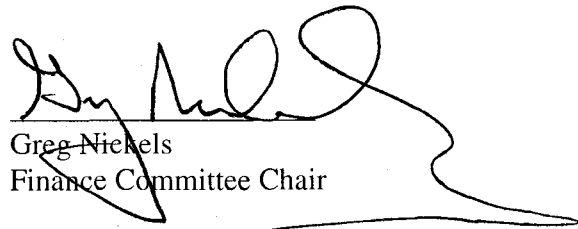
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The Agreement will be for three years with two additional 12-month options. After 2004 and the tunnel closure, Route 550 will operate above ground with buses scheduled for delivery in 2003.


Motion:

It is hereby moved by the Finance Committee of the Board of Directors of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the Executive Director is authorized to execute an agreement for up to twenty dual-powered Breda buses from King County Metro, in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.

Approved by the Finance Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Authority at a regular meeting thereof on the 19th day of August 1999.


Greg Nickels
Finance Committee Chair

ATTEST:


Marcia Walker
Board Administrator