



Board Report

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Agenda Number: 28.

**OPERATIONS, SAFETY, AND CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE COMMITTEE
MARCH 19, 2026**

SUBJECT: PARTS WASHER LEASING AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES

ACTION: APPROVE RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDATION

AUTHORIZE the Chief Executive Officer to execute Modification No. 4 to Contract No. PS7235000 with FRS Environmental, Inc., to continue to provide parts washer leasing and maintenance services, increasing the total Not-To-Exceed (NTE) contract value by \$356,513.62 from \$1,587,712.50 to \$1,944,226.12, and extending the period of performance for the duration of one year, from May 1, 2026, through April 30, 2027.

ISSUE

The existing contract with FRS Environmental, Inc. is for the leasing and servicing of various types of cleaning stations, i.e., hot tanks, aqueous parts washers, and paint gun cleaners. The contract covers both the rental of such units, repairs, and scheduled maintenance, including fluid exchanges and is set to expire on April 30, 2026.

BACKGROUND

The current contract was awarded in May 2021 in the amount of \$1,443,375 for a base period of five years. This extension would provide continued service for a one-year period, allowing sufficient time to accomplish the following objectives: 1. Revise and strengthen the contract language to better align with and support the Authorities' operational needs. 2. Research and identify improved equipment options. 3. Provide additional prospective vendors with the opportunity to participate in a competitive bidding process. The current machines that have been provided were manufactured in Germany; replacement parts are not available anywhere in the US, rendering the wash tanks useless until parts are procured. A one-year extension provides ample time to source adequate replacements that are domestically produced and made with parts that are domestically sourced. Additionally, staff has added more machines throughout this contract, and several divisions have requested to increase the number of machines they currently employ.

Under the existing contract, parts washing services are performed throughout Metro Bus and Rail Maintenance facilities. The parts washers are used to remove dirt, grime, and grease from parts, tools, and equipment using aqueous (water or solvent-based) solutions. These units support the

diverse production requirements of maintenance shops for both bus and rail operating divisions.

DISCUSSION

The Central Maintenance Shop (CMS) provides maintenance support to Metro's extensive bus fleet and utilizes 33 of the 69 parts washers that shall be leased and maintained as part of this contract. Parts washer equipment is used at the CMS to support the operating divisions in completing engine repairs and replacements, transmission disassembly, rebuilding and replacement, major accident repair, complete bus painting, and the rebuilding of components for power plant assemblies. Bus and rail operating divisions also utilize parts washer equipment to support their daily maintenance requirements. The contract includes the lease of contractor-owned parts washing equipment, refilling these machines to their optimal level, removal and proper disposal of hazardous waste materials, and preventative maintenance of the units. Services are performed at various scheduled intervals depending on the requirements of each location.

DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT

The use of hot tanks and aqueous parts washers ensures that components are thoroughly cleaned, allowing for detailed inspection of their suitability during the rebuild process. This helps ensure that the integrity of rebuildable parts is not compromised.

Paint gun cleaning stations are used to maintain paint guns in optimal operating condition. Proper maintenance supports correct paint adhesion, thereby enhancing the durability and longevity of painted surfaces.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Funding for this contract is included in the FY26 Budget in multiple cost centers in the amount of \$89,128.41 under Service Contract Maintenance account 50308 and project 306002 including 3366-Central Maintenance Shops (CMS), 5430-Revenue Collection Equipment Maintenance, 3790-Maintenance Administration, 3601-Maintenance Division 1, 3503-Maintenance Division 3, 3805-Maintenance Division 5, 3707-Maintenance Division 7, 3508-Maintenance Division 8, 3609-Maintenance Division 9, 3513-Maintenance Division 13, 3515-Maintenance Division 15, 3818-Maintenance Division 18; 3942-Red Line, project 300044; and 3943-Green Line, project 300033. The cost center manager, project manager, Executive Director, and Maintenance will ensure that the balance of funds is budgeted in future years.

Impact to Budget

The current sources of funding for this action include Prop A, Prop C, Measure R, Measure M, TDA, STA, and SB1. These funding sources are eligible for bus and rail operations.

EQUITY PLATFORM

The benefits of this action are to ensure the bus fleet that serves most regions in Los Angeles County, including many underserved communities, is able to provide vital transportation services to neighborhoods where disparities within the region can exist between residents' access to jobs, housing, education, health, and safety. Bus transportation provides an important lifeline for the

residents in underserved communities, and the Metro bus maintenance programs ensure the proper State of Good Repair of the bus fleet to provide transportation for these underserved communities.

FRS Environmental, Inc. (FRS), a Small Business (SB) Prime, made a 100% Small Business Enterprise (SBE) commitment. Based on payments, the contract is 94% complete, and the current level of participation is 100% SBE.

VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED OUTCOME

VMT and VMT per capita in Los Angeles County are lower than national averages, the lowest in the SCAG region, and on the lower end of VMT per capita statewide, with these declining VMT trends due in part to Metro's significant investment in rail and bus transit.* Metro's Board-adopted VMT reduction targets align with California's statewide climate goals, including achieving carbon neutrality by 2045. To ensure continued progress, all Board items are assessed for their potential impact on VMT.

As part of these ongoing efforts, this item is expected to contribute to further reductions in VMT. This item supports Metro's systemwide strategy to reduce VMT through operational, equipment purchase, and maintenance activities that will improve fleet reliability as well as further encourage transit ridership, ridesharing, and active transportation. Metro's Board-adopted VMT reduction targets build on the success of existing investments, and this item aligns with those objectives.

*Based on population estimates from the United States Census and VMT estimates from Caltrans' Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) data between 2001-2019.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The parts washer services support Strategic Goal 1: Provide high-quality mobility options that enable people to spend less time traveling. Proper cleaning of parts and components will help maintain the reliability of the bus and rail fleet and ensure that our customers arrive at their destinations on time, in accordance with the scheduled service intervals for Metro bus and rail operations.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The alternative would be to forgo the extension and immediately initiate procurement of a new five-year contract. This option is not recommended, as it would likely result in several months during which all bus divisions would be without parts-cleaning equipment and paint-gun cleaning materials.

Such a lapse in service would compromise the integrity and reliability of replacement parts, as well as the quality and durability of paint applications on buses and rail equipment.

NEXT STEPS

Upon Board approval, staff will extend Contract No. PS7235000 with FRS Environmental Inc. to provide parts washer leasing and maintenance services.

ATTACHMENTS

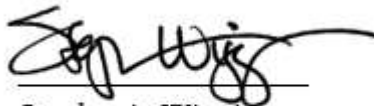
Attachment A - Procurement Summary
Attachment B - Contract Modification/Change Order Log
Attachment C - DEOD Summary

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PROCUREMENT SUMMARY
PARTS WASHER LEASING AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES/PS72350000

1.	Contract Number: PS72350000		
2.	Contractor: FRS Environmental, Inc.		
3.	Mod. Work Description: Increase contract authority and extend period of performance.		
4.	Contract Work Description: Lease parts washer machines to Metro facilities, and provide maintenance services to leased and Metro-owned parts washing machines.		
5.	The following data is current as of: 2/5/2026		
6.	Contract Completion Status:		Financial Status:
	Contract Awarded:	05/01/2021	Contract Award Amount: \$1,443,375.00
	Notice to Proceed (NTP):	N/A	Total of Modifications Approved: \$144,337.50
	Original Completion Date:	04/30/2026	Pending Modifications (including this action): \$356,513.62
	Current Est. Completion Date:	04/30/2027	Current Contract Value (with this action): \$1,944,226.12
7.	Contract Administrator: John Platt		Telephone Number: (213) 922-4237
8.	Project Manager: Tony Soler		Telephone Number: (213) 922-5899

A. Procurement Background

This Board Action is to approve Contract Modification No. 4 to continue to lease parts washers and to continue performing maintenance services of parts washing machines for Metro's Central Maintenance Shops (CMS) and at various bus/rail maintenance divisions.

This contract modification will be processed in accordance with Metro's Acquisition Policy, and the contract type is a firm-fixed unit rate.

In March 2021, the Board approved the award of a five-year contract to FRS Environmental, Inc. to provide leasing and maintenance services of leased and Metro-owned parts washers at Metro's CMS and bus/rail maintenance divisions.

Refer to Attachment B – Contract Modification/Change Order Log.

B. Cost/Price Analysis

The recommended amount has been determined to be fair and reasonable based on utilization of the existing contract rates, research of current market pricing, and an assessment of Metro's projected needs for services for the extended period of performance. The Independent Cost Estimate (ICE) is based on the original negotiated contract rates.

Proposed Amount	Metro ICE	Recommended Amount
\$356,513.62	\$356,513.62	\$356,513.62

**CONTRACT MODIFICATION/CHANGE ORDER LOG
PARTS WASHER LEASING AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES/PS72350000**

Mod. no.	Description	Status (approved or pending)	Date	Amount
1	Updated pricing agreement	Approved	11/28/2022	\$0
2	Revised scope of services	Approved	3/25/2024	\$0
3	Increased contract authority	Approved	1/26/2026	\$144,337.50
4	Increase contract authority and extend Period of Performance through April 30, 2027	Pending	Pending	\$356,513.62
	Modification Total:			\$500,851.12
	Original Contract:		5/1/2021	\$1,443,375.00
	Total:			\$1,944,226.12

DEOD SUMMARY
PARTS WASHER LEASING AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES / PS7235000

A. Small Business Participation

SB Prime, FRS Environmental, Inc. (FRS) made a 100% Small Business Enterprise (SBE) commitment. Based on payments the contract is 94% complete and the current level of participation is 100%, meeting the commitment.

	SBE Subcontractor	% Committed	% Participation
1.	FRS Environmental, Inc. (SB Prime)	100%	100%
	Total Commitment	100%	100%

B. Living Wage and Service Contract Worker Retention Policy Applicability

The Living Wage and Service Contract Worker Retention Policy is not applicable to this modification.

C. Prevailing Wage Applicability

Prevailing wage is not applicable to this modification.

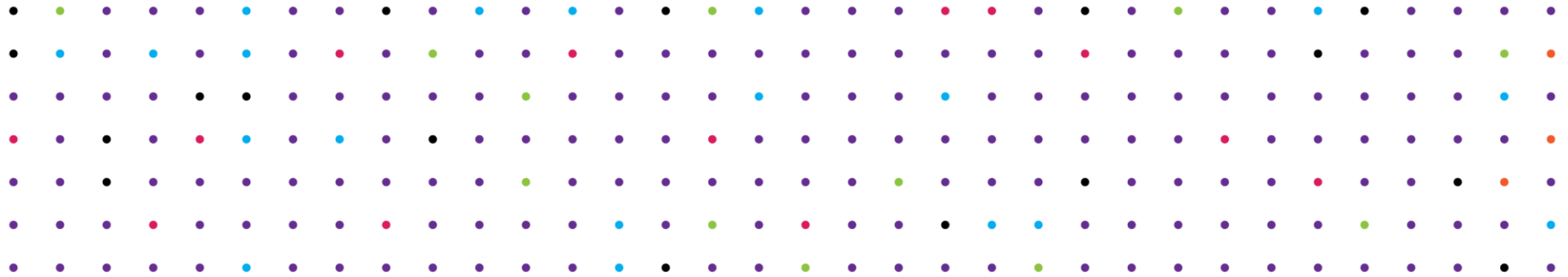
D. Project Labor Agreement/Construction Careers Policy

Project Labor Agreement/Construction Careers Policy is not applicable to this Contract. PLA/CCP is applicable only to construction contracts that have a construction related value in excess of \$2.5 million.

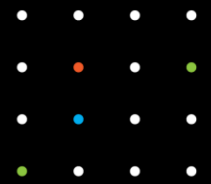
E. Manufacturing Careers Policy

The Manufacturing Careers Policy (MCP) does not apply to this contract. The MCP is required on Metro's Rolling Stock RFPs, with an Independent Cost Estimate of at least \$50 million.

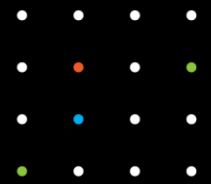
Parts Washer Leasing and Maintenance Services



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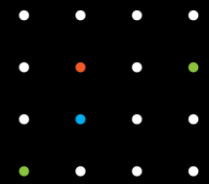
AWARDEE

FRS Environmental

DEOD COMMITMENT

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ISSUE & DISCUSSION



ISSUE

The current contract with FRS Environmental will expire on April 30, 2026. The original contract was awarded May 1, 2021. An extension for the continued leasing of parts washers ensures the integrity and reliability of parts and components that are remanufactured. A one-year extension will ensure continuity of service while a new contract is developed to address concerns related to the products currently in use.

DISCUSSION

Parts and components that will be maintained by this contract includes hot tanks, aqueous parts washers, and paint gun cleaners. The contract covers both the rental of such units, their repairs, and scheduled maintenance.



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