

**Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority
Board Action/Information Summary**

Action
 Information

MEAD Number:
99691

Resolution:
 Yes No

PURPOSE

To obtain Board approval to initiate and award a competitive contract for 1,100 emergency escape hoods.

DESCRIPTION

Post 9/11, emergency escape hoods were issued to all rail car operators, station managers and others to allow up to 20 minutes to escape in emergencies. Since the emergency escape hoods' shelf life has expired and there are new federal standards established, these hoods must be replaced.

Of the three types that meet Federal standards, only one type, manufactured by North, meets WMATA's needs because they do not require power and have minimal storage space.

There are no other suitable alternatives to provide the emergency escape hoods.

FUNDING IMPACT

Funding is available from the Department of System Safety and Risk Management in Account 50499520 for an estimated \$126,500.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board approves the initiation and award of a competitive contract for 1,100 emergency escape hoods to replace those that have exceeded their shelf life.