

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

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**PURPOSE**

To request Board approval to purchase four Emergency Response Vehicles (ERV's), six ADA-compliant lowered-floor minivans and five raised-roof paratransit vehicles.

**DESCRIPTION**

WMATA currently operates 11 ERVs primarily for elderly and disabled customers requesting shuttle service at rail stations where the elevator is out of service. In addition, shuttle buses also transport employees from the Metrorail station to the Carmen Turner Facility to ease the shortage of parking there, and between remote parking locations and bus garages at two divisions. The existing ERV's, in service since 1999, are reaching the end of their expected service life and are becoming unreliable.

It is recommended that WMATA purchase four new ERV's utilizing a contract option available from the competitively awarded procurement of small passenger buses for the Transportation Association of Greater Springfield (TAGS) service in Springfield. The TAGS-type buses are a more durable vehicle than the ones currently in operation, with a heavier duty engine and transmission. These buses will be equipped with fold-away seating so that up to four wheelchair passengers can be accommodated (current ERVs accommodate two wheelchairs) and they will be painted in the Metrobus color.

It is also recommended that WMATA purchase six new ADA-compliant lowered-floor minivans utilizing a contract option through New Jersey Transit. These minivans will further augment transportation requirements of the elderly and disabled and will be used by the street supervisors to provide rapid response to elderly and disabled patrons.

Additionally, five raised-roof paratransit vehicles will be competitively bid and will be utilized for Metro Access (MACS) to support rail system elevator outages. These vehicles will be the same style as the current MACS fleet.

## FUNDING IMPACT

Budget: Capital Budget, Fiscal 2008  
Office: Bus Maintenance  
Account: Emergency Response Vehicles

	FY08
Budget	\$1,200,000
Expense this Action	1,000,000
Expense to Date	0
Subtotal	<u>1,000,000</u>
Budget Remaining	\$ 200,000

Remarks:

Operating Budget Impact: No additional positions to be added; no additional annual maintenance expense expected. We anticipate a 50% cost reduction per trip (approximately 1500 trips per year) by transferring five vehicles to Metro Access to support elevator outages.

## RECOMMENDATION

Board approval for the purchase of four Emergency Response Vehicles by exercise of a contract option, six minivans utilizing a contract option through New Jersey Transit and five Paratransit vehicles through competitive bidding.