



Northstar Locomotive Lease

Metropolitan Council - May 27, 2026

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute lease agreement 26M055 with Sound Transit to lease a Northstar locomotive.

Purpose of request

Sound Transit

- Sound Transit experienced a catastrophic failure of one of their locomotives, which cannot be repaired in time for the FIFA World Cup matches scheduled June 15 through July 6, 2026
- Securing a locomotive will help them ensure successful execution of transportation services for the World Cup matches in Seattle and continuity of operation until the locomotive in their fleet can be repaired.





Considerations

- Approved MNDOT and FTA concurrence for lease agreement June – August 2026
- Ability to extend lease through end of 2026 with additional concurrence.
- Cost of insurance and transportation of equipment will be the responsibility of lessee
- Other costs to maintain, conduct periodic inspections, and ensure compliance with FRA requirements will be borne by the lessee

Thank You!

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