Committee: Transit Commission	**Date**: 8/6/2015
Common Council Item Number: 15-3070	**Date:** 8/18/2015
Submitted By: Fred Abadi- Public Works	**City Administrator Approval:** Kevin Lahner, City Administrator KL
Finance Department Review: Rich Abbott, Finance Director RA	**City Attorney's Office Review:** Brian Running, City Attorney BER
Subject: Approval of Purchase of 55 inch LCD Depot Sign	

Details:
This item is to purchase a 55 inch LCD Depot Sign in the lobby of the Transit Center that will display the real time information of bus departures that is tied into the new Automated Vehicle Location (AVL) system purchased from RouteMatch. This will help inform passengers of when their bus will be departing in real time. The cost of the sign is $2,806 and includes mounting equipment and configuration to the AVL system. The sign is similar to ones found at airports displaying real time departure times.   Currently there are no real time signs at the Transit Center as the ones from the old AVL system are obsolete and do not work with the current technology.   This can be purchased using 80% federal funds and is a project that can be included in the annual Associated Improvements total which requires transit systems to spend at least 1% of its annual federal funds on passenger improvements. Since this purchase is amending the original AVL contract with RouteMatch, it requires Council approval and is subject to review and approval by the City Attorney.

Options & Alternatives:
Given that the AVL is "closed" system, Transit can not just purchase a 55 inch monitor on its own and it will display the information. The sign needs to be configured by RouteMatch for the information to display.   Given this, the only alternative is to purchase the sign from RouteMatch.

Financial Remarks:
The total cost of the purchase is $2,806 with $2,244.80 coming from federal Associated Improvement funds and the remaining $561.20 from the Transit operating budget.

Executive Recommendation:
Recommend approval.

Committee Recommendation:
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