

MTA Board of Directors Awards a Multi-Million Dollar Contract to Buy 50 Additional Light Rail Vehicles

The MTA Board of Directors have approved a multi-million dollar contract for the purchase of 50 additional light rail vehicles to be used on both the Los Angeles to Pasadena Metro Gold Line and the extension of the line to the Eastside.

The light rail vehicle contract was awarded to AnsaldoBreda S.p.A. of Naples, Italy for the manufacturing and delivery of 50 light rail vehicles in an amount of \$158,738,671 with options to purchase an additional 100 light rail vehicles in future years.

The rail cars will provide the Los Angeles to Pasadena Metro Gold Line with additional vehicles needed to augment the 26 light rail cars already assigned to the line. The Metro Gold Line will open for revenue service this summer. In addition, the cars will be used on the line's extension to the Eastside, which is projected to open in late 2008.

Staff noted that these light rail vehicles can be used on all existing Metro Rail light rail lines. Given the current and future levels of ridership for the agency's light rail lines, staff believed this approach provides the necessary flexibility to service all light rail lines as the rail system requirements continue to expand.

All 50 new light rail vehicles are scheduled to be delivered to the MTA by May 2007.

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