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Recommendation:

AUTHORIZE the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and purchase All Risk Property and Boiler and Machinery insurance policies for all Metro properties at a not-to-exceed premium of \$11 million for the 12-month period of May 10, 2025, through May 10, 2026.



Background:

- Metro established the Excess Commercial Property Insurance program to protect against insured losses. Each year, Risk Management collaborates with our insurance broker (USI) to prepare for the upcoming marketing process, secure the data required to approach underwriters, and obtain the most competitive coverage and premium available.
- USI provides a not-to-exceed number that serves two functions. First, it
 establishes an amount that Risk Management can use to approach the
 CEO and Board for approval to bind the new program, mitigating a
 potential gap in insurance coverage. Second, it allows our broker ample
 time to continue negotiating with underwriters to ensure Metro secures the
 most competitive pricing.



Discussion:

- In January, February, and March 2025, USI contacted multiple domestic and international insurance providers to present Metro's property risks and supplemental data. USI provided an overview of the Metro transit system during discussions with the underwriters, including its extensive security infrastructure, fire protection, loss control, and minimal risk of flood exposures.
- The Metro property program continues to be well received by insurers due to its favorable loss history, newer construction, and State of Good Repair programs.
- Metro has historically enjoyed some of the lowest rates among transit systems and remains an attractive client. This year's renewal is challenging due to continued rate increases, but Metro's favorable insurability, loss record, and ability to take full advantage of the marketing efforts of our broker in a demanding market environment places Metro at an advantage over other transit agencies in the country.



Proposed Coverage:

- USI marketed the property program to qualified insurance carriers to obtain property insurance pricing for the current total insured value of \$22 billion with a Probable Maximum Loss (PML) coverage limits at a minimum of \$650 million.
- Property insurance program quotations are currently being received from carriers with acceptable A.M. Best ratings. Final pricing is pending, and the quotes, including contingencies for unanticipated adjustments, serve to support the not-to-exceed cost before policy binding.





