

Amtrak Maintenance Agreement

Rider Experience and Operations Committee

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Why we are here

- Today we are here to request a do-pass recommendation to the Board to approve amendment eight with Amtrak (Motion No. M2025-49)
- Extend our agreement with Amtrak to maintain Sounder's fleet of passenger cars and locomotives 11 months.
- Our current agreement expires on November 30, 2025
- Maintains our existing arrangement with Amtrak through October 2026, and leaves open additional options expected to be exercised in 2026.
- Sets framework and term to work through the next amendment to be brought to the Board in 2026



Amtrak Fleet Maintenance Contract Term With Extensions and Options

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Overview of Amtrak Agreement

- Maintenance of up to 14 locomotives and 78 cars, includes 11 new Crash Energy Management (CEM) cars as part of ST3
- Major cost elements:
 - Baseline: daily inspections, maintenance, cleaning
 - Fuel
 - Shared Facilities and Utilities
 - Materials and Extra Work
 - Other: PTC, special events, incentives/penalties
 - Storage of vehicles (savings/expenditures)

Sounder Locomotive Fleet Planning

- Sounder has authorized budget for an additional locomotive
- The fleet of 14 is lean given that 11 are in daily service, there is often effectively no spare when more than one is in regular preventative maintenance and one is in repair.
- Sounder has been and will continue to look for an opportunity to either purchase or lease additional locomotive power to obtain a prudent spare ratio.
- The need will be critical in a few years when the 3 MP40 locomotives become due for an overhaul.
- Staff will return to the Board with developments as we explore further opportunities to mitigate this risk.

Thank you.



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