

Amtrak Maintenance Agreement Amendment

Motion No. M2026-38

Rider Experience & Operations Committee

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Why we are here

- The Amtrak agreement for Sounder fleet maintenance expires in October and needs to be extended into next year; this amendment sets the framework and term to work through the next amendment to be brought to the Board in 2027.



Overview of Amtrak Work Scope

- Maintenance of up to 14 locomotives and 78 cars, includes the 11 new Crash Energy Management (CEM) cars (ST3).
- Major cost elements:
 - Base/Labor for daily inspections, preventative maintenance, including cleaning and switch moves.
 - Fuel
 - Shared Facilities and Utilities
 - Materials and Extra Work
 - Other: PTC, special events, storage, incentives/penalties

Overview of Changes this Amendment

WORK SCOPE AREA	CHANGE
• Changes from a flat rate to actual direct cost of maintenance services	+ \$2.1m
• Provides a Sounder <u>dedicated staff</u> including <u>4 technicians</u> in “pipeline” in recruitment and training	+ \$0.5m
• Drummac, their major <u>subcontractor</u> , has had costs <u>doubled</u> ; these are inspection services competitively procured.	+ \$2.1m
• Now provides reimbursement for <u>switching of cars</u> .	+ \$1.1m
• <u>Other offsets</u>	- \$1.7m
• <u>Contingency</u> of 3.5% included in new total figures, not necessarily to be accessed.	+ \$1.2m
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Total Annual Increase	+ \$5.3m*

*Difference between proposed '27 estimate (\$34.5m) with the prior, now unavailable, flat rate (\$29.3m)

Thank you.



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