

## Legislation Text

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### **CATS Train Control Crossing Gate Spare Parts**

#### **Action:**

- A. Approve the purchase of parts for train control crossing gate and wayside equipment, by the sole source exemption,**
- B. Approve a contract with National Electric Gate for the purchase of parts for a term of five years, and**
- C. Authorize the City Manager to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.**

#### **Staff Resource(s):**

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#### **Sole Source Exemption**

- G.S. 143-129 (e) (6) provides that formal bidding requirements do not apply when:
  - Performance or price competition are not available;
  - A needed product is available from only one source or supply; or
  - Standardization or compatibility is the overriding consideration.
- Sole sourcing is necessary for this contract because there is only one supply source.
- City Council approval is required for any purchases made under the sole source exception.

#### **Explanation**

- The city uses original equipment manufacturer (OEM) rail parts in the daily maintenance and repair of the CATS light rail vehicles, trolley cars, and rail infrastructure.
- National Electric Gate is the OEM of the train control crossing gate and wayside equipment.
- The parts and services that are being bought under this contract are for replacement parts and inventory stock spares required to maintain gate crossings and train control.
- Annual expenditures are estimated to be \$30,000.

#### **Charlotte Business INclusion**

This is a sole source contract and is exempt (Part A: Appendix 1.27 of the Charlotte Business INclusion Policy).

#### **Fiscal Note**

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