# **Rail Car Evaluation Project Review**



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### **Project Scope**

LTK was contracted to conduct a rail car evaluation for RTA. The tasks included:

- Estimate remaining life of each fleet
- Upgrade/replace recommendations for both fleets
- Upgrade plan to maintain existing fleets for 10 years



# **Existing HRV Fleet**

- Manufactured by Tokyu Car Corporation
- 60 cars were delivered, 40 remain
- Began service in 1984 (35 years ago)
- 30 year design life



# **Existing LRV Fleet**

- Manufactured by Breda
- 48 cars were delivered, 34 remain
- Began service in 1981 (38 years ago)
- 30 year design life
- Midlife structural overhaul completed in 2007



### **Phase 1: HRV Inspections**

- Generally, in poor condition
- Over the last decade:
  - Work orders have increased by 22%
  - Cost of Maintenance increased by 148%
- Heavy corrosion of the primary structure was identified on all cars inspected
  - Loss of section of up to 50% was found
- Procurement and maintenance of parts has become an issue
  - Brake actuators (7 months between work orders)
  - Propulsion system (2.5 months between work orders)
  - Cab signal equipment (2.5 months between work orders)
- LTK estimate: remaining useful life 5 years or less



**Corrosion Section Loss** 

# **Phase 1: LRV Inspections**

- Generally, in fair condition
- Over the last decade:
  - Cost of Maintenance increased by 90%
- Cab equipment is worn to the point that it is unreadable
- Articulated structures have developed corrosion and cracks
- Procurement and maintenance of parts has become an issue
  - Cab signal equipment (3.5 months between work orders)
  - Track brakes (18 months between work orders)
  - Propulsion system (2 months between work orders)
- Overhaul was effective in mitigating corrosion
- LTK estimate: remaining useful life 10 years or less



Corrosion Hole/Crack in Articulated Structure



Master Controller Worn vs. New

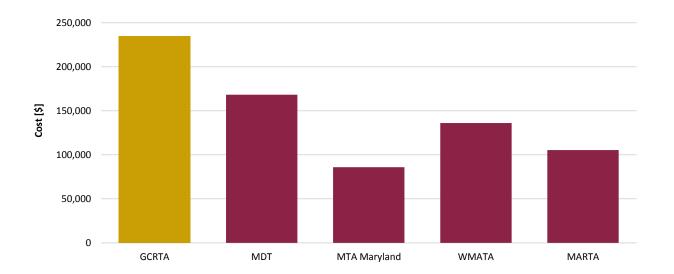


**Overhaul Repairs** 

### **Phase 1: HRV Peer Review**

- LTK utilized the published FTA's data to compare RTA's rail service with peer agencies
  - RTA spends more to maintain each car than any of their peers
  - The four other agencies shown have all initiated new car orders

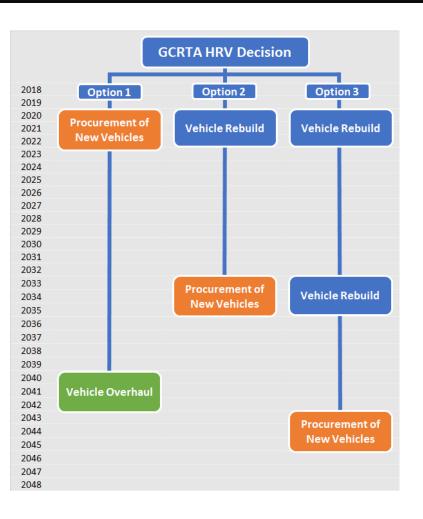
HRV ANNUAL MAINTENANCE COST PER ACTIVE VEHICLE VS PEER FLEETS



### **HRV Cost Estimates**

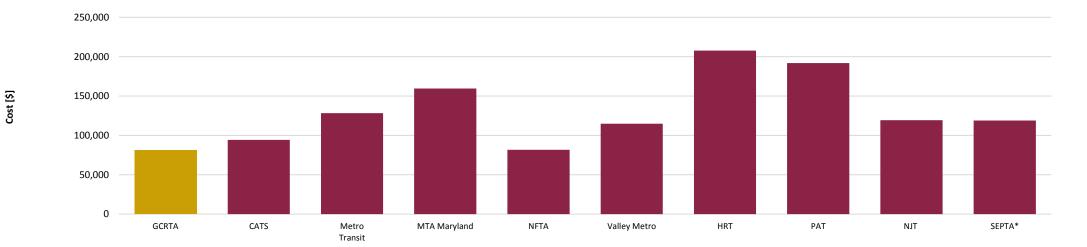
- Option 1: new car delivery at the end of estimated life (5 years)
  - Begin procurement next year
  - Overhaul vehicles in 2040 at midlife (15 years)
  - Total 30-year lifecycle cost \$398 M
- Option 2: overhaul vehicles at end of estimated life
  - New car procurement at the end of extended estimated life (2033)
  - Total 30-year lifecycle cost \$410 M
- Option 3: overhaul the vehicles twice
  - New car procurement at the end of extended estimated life (2042)
  - Total 30-year lifecycle cost \$475 M

#### Note: 2018 dollars



### **Phase 1: LRV Peer Review**

- RTA's fleet is the second oldest major LRV fleet in the country
  - SEPTA operates the oldest fleet, and has begun new car planning process
- RTA's annual maintenance costs are 18% lower than peer average
  - RTA is in the top 10 amongst peer agencies for maintenance costs



LRV ANNUAL MAINTENANCE COST PER ACTIVE VEHICLE VS PEER FLEETS, FROM NTD 2016 DATA

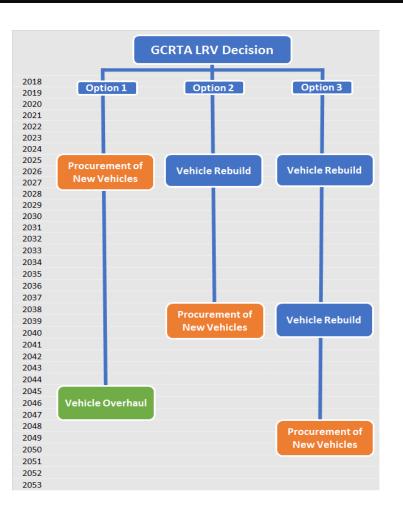
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### **LRV Cost Estimates**

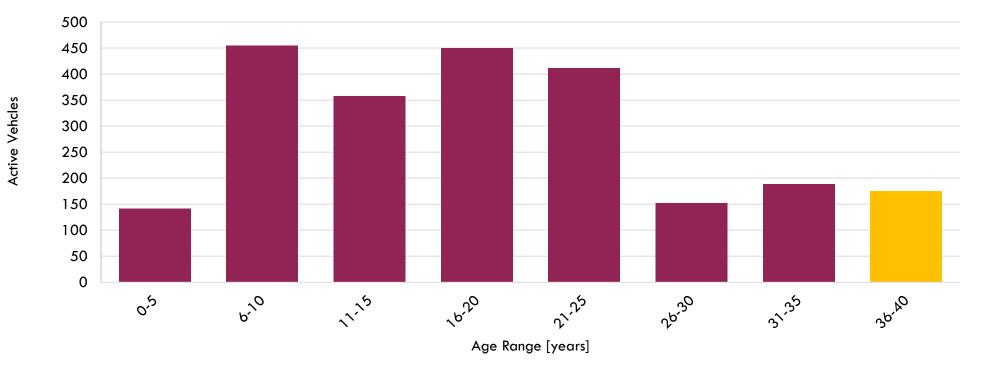
- Option 1: new car delivery at the end of estimated life (10 years)
  - Begin procurement in 2025
  - Overhaul vehicles in 2045 at midlife (15 years)
  - Total 30-year lifecycle cost \$317 M
- Option 2: overhaul vehicles at end of estimated life
  - New car procurement at the end of extended estimated life (2038)
  - Total 30-year lifecycle cost \$339 M
- Option 3: overhaul the vehicles twice
  - New car procurement at the end of extended estimated life (2048)
  - Total 30-year lifecycle cost \$413 M

#### Note: 2018 dollars



### **Phase 1: LRV Peer Review**

RTA LRV FLEET AGE VS. PEER AGENCIES



# **Risk Associated with Aging Fleets**

- In-service failures increase
- Customer service degrades
- Service reliability and on-time performance suffers
- Parts obsolescence increases
- Maintenance costs and frequency increases
- Gap widens between current standards and as-built standards



### Recommendations

- Based on the results of the vehicle inspections and life cycle cost analysis, LTK recommends the following
  - Do not invest major capital into the existing fleets
  - Begin the procurement process for new HRV's in the near future
  - Begin the process of procuring new LRV's in the next 5 years
  - Hire Firm to assist with new HRV procurement including specification, procurement, quality assurance and facility upgrades.
- LTK recommends the procurement of two different fleets (HRV and LRV) rather than a single, common car to serve both high and low platforms.
  - A single, common car fleet would require significant infrastructure work at rail stations
  - A single, common car fleet eliminates the ability to phase in vehicle purchase and delivery