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### Metro Auditor reviews fleet management

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The Office of the Metro Auditor released an audit of Metro's management of its vehicles. The purpose of the audit, titled *Fleet Management: Implement agency-wide management*, was to determine whether Metro had the ability to manage fleet services effectively and efficiently. The audit was not on the regular audit schedule, but was added because of information from a previous audit and after consulting with Metro management.

That audit found that Metro had various methods to provide employees with transportation, including mileage reimbursement, a motor pool, and vehicles assigned individually to employees or programs. In total, the audit identified 94 vehicles as potentially available for employee transportation. Four departments managed fleet vehicles and each had their own policies and procedures for fleet management.

Metro leased 34 vehicles from two government agencies, the Oregon Department of Administrative Services and Multnomah County Fleet Services. The eleven vehicles rented from the State were used for a motor pool and available to any employee. Vehicles rented from the County were located at various park and cemetery locations. The audit found that employees used the motor pool vehicles more and that County-rented vehicles cost 60% higher than the State-rented vehicles. For the most part, mileage and cost information were unavailable for Metro vehicles not leased from the State or County.

"It appears that Metro could manage its fleet more efficiently and benefit from improved information," Metro Auditor Suzanne Flynn said. "I believe the analysis provided in the audit can assist management in making changes they had already contemplated." She was pleased with Metro's response to the audit.

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The audit is available on the Metro website at <http://www.oregonmetro.gov/auditor>. Copies of the audit can also be obtained by calling the Office of the Metro Auditor at 503-797-1892. The Metro Auditor will brief the Metro Council on March 19, 2009.