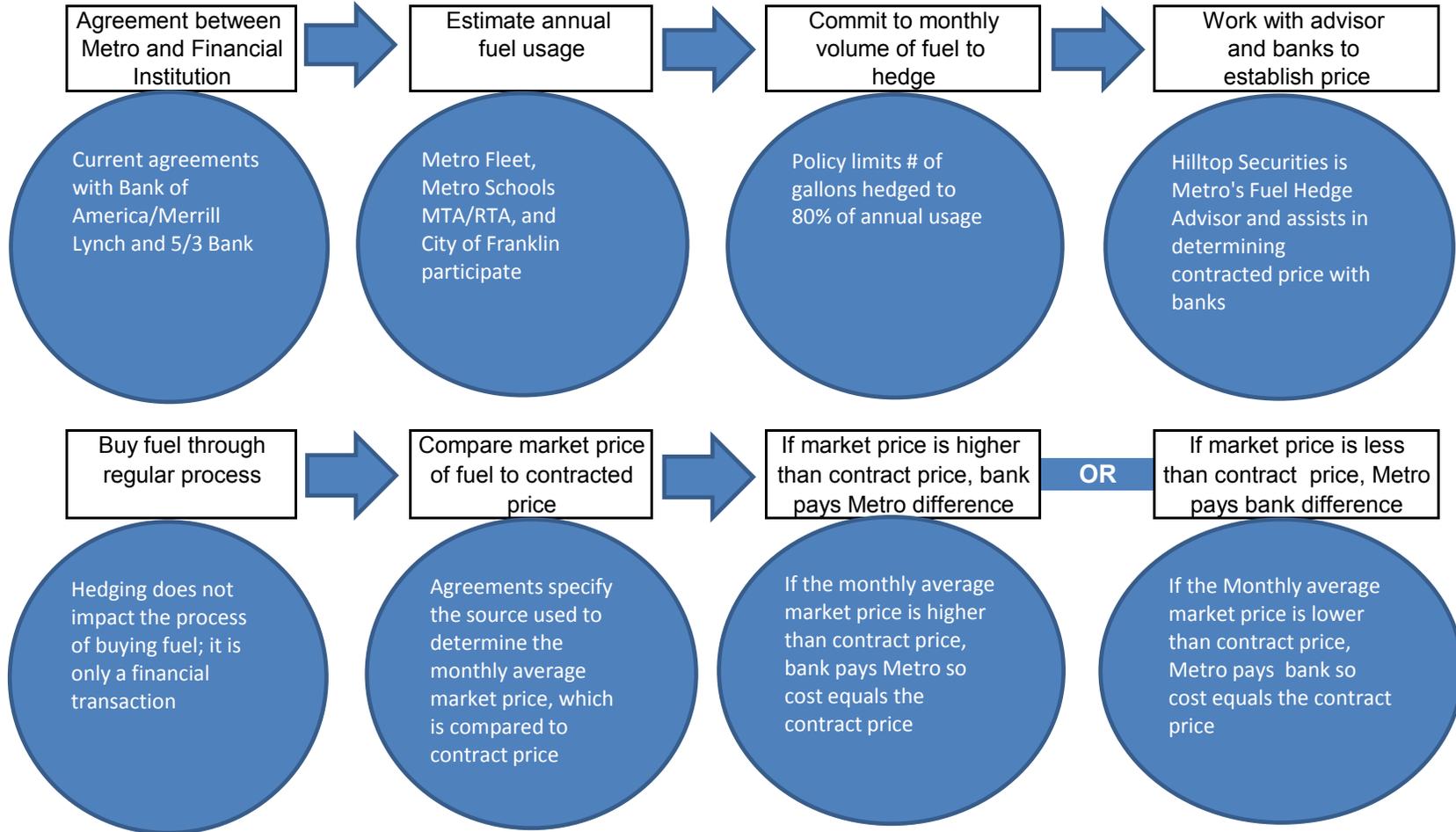


METRO'S FUEL HEDGING PROGRAM STABILIZES FUEL COST TO HELP IN ANNUAL BUDGETING FOR GASOLINE AND DIESEL



For the gallons of fuel hedged, Metro ends up paying the contracted amount regardless of fluctuation in market price