

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

Date: November 14, 2005

THROUGH: FINANCE COMMITTEE

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE ALTERNATIVE FUEL BUSES FOR THE PASADENA AREA RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM (ARTS) SERVICE

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize a purchase order contract to Creative Bus Sales, Incorporated, located in Chino California, in an amount not to exceed \$619,400 for the purchase of two alternative fuel buses and associated equipment. The proposed purchase order contract is exempt from competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter Section 1002 [H], contract with other government entities or their contractors;
2. Approve a journal voucher recognizing and appropriating \$123,400 in Proposition C funds from the unencumbered fund balance (Fund 209) to *Purchase Seven Alternative Fuel, Medium Duty Transit Vehicles (75058)*; and
3. Approve a journal voucher transferring \$100,000 of private capital – Paseo Colorado from the *Paseo Colorado Street and Traffic Mitigation project (75029)* to *Purchase Seven Alternative Fuel, Medium Duty Transit Vehicles (75058)*.
4. Approve a journal voucher transferring \$835,000 in Public Benefit Charge (PBC) Funds from 75067 to 75058 and close 75067.

BACKGROUND

The City has an approved Capital Improvement Project for the purchase of seven alternative fuel transit vehicles. Five buses were purchased and placed into service in December 2003. The proposed purchase of the two buses from Creative Bus Sales will complete the project. The vehicles will be used to support the Pasadena Area Rapid Transit System (ARTS). The \$619,400 in funding for the project comes from several sources: Federal Transit Authority (FTA) grant funds (\$396,000); developer fees from Forrest City (\$100,000), and Paseo Colorado (\$100,000); and Proposition C Fund 209 (\$23,400). The developer fees earmarked for the purchase of an ARTS bus from Paseo Colorado were placed into the *Paseo Colorado Street and Traffic Mitigation project*


(75029). The developer fees earmarked for the purchase of an ARTS bus from Forrest City were placed into Proposition C Fund 209.

The City has an opportunity to "piggyback" onto a contract that Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) of San Diego California has with Creative Bus Sales, Inc. The proposed buses are 30 foot compressed natural gas (CNG) buses. MTS has conducted a selection process that meets federal requirements as well as the City's purchasing requirements. The manufacturer, Creative Sales Inc., is located in Chino California.

FISCAL IMPACT


With approval of the recommended journal vouchers, sufficient funds will be available in the *Purchase Seven Alternative Fuel, Medium Duty Transit Vehicles (75058)* project to purchase the two buses.

Respectfully submitted,




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