

Agenda Report

May 16, 2011

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
THROUGH: Finance Committee
FROM: Department of Transportation
SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS (CNG) 25-FOOT BUS FOR THE PASADENA AREA RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM (ARTS) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$119,859

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Find that the purchase of this vehicle is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15302, replacement of existing transit facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity;
- 2) Authorize the issuance of a purchase order to Creative Bus Sales in an amount not to exceed \$119,859 for the purchase of one (1) replacement 25-foot ARTS bus. The proposed purchase is exempt from competitive bidding pursuant to the City Charter Section 1002 [H], contract with other government entities or their contractors;
- 3) Approve a journal voucher recognizing and appropriating \$19,859 in Proposition C funds from the unencumbered fund balance (Fund 209) to the *Replacement of Medium Duty Transit Vehicles – Project 75040*, which has a current balance of \$100,000, which will provide the total amount of \$119,859 needed for the purchase of this vehicle.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Pasadena has an approved Capital Improvement Project for the purchase of replacement ARTS vehicles (*Replacement of Medium Duty Transit Vehicles - Project 75040*). This vehicle purchase was approved in the FY2011 Capital Improvement Program budget.

The current fleet of ARTS buses is deteriorating and experiencing severe maintenance issues. In an effort to improve service quality and to help meet existing ridership demands, the City is replacing one diesel fueled model year 2000 25-foot Ford El Dorado Aerotech which has exceeded its useful lifecycle as a seven-year vehicle.

The purchase of this replacement bus will help to minimize service interruptions due to vehicle problems and provide more seamless travel for ARTS passengers. The vehicle to be purchased is a cut-away style Class C 25-foot CNG Ford Starcraft Allstar shuttle bus with the capacity to seat up to twenty (20) passengers. This class vehicle is used primarily, but not exclusively, on the ARTS Route 10 which provides service to Old Pasadena, South Lake, the Playhouse District, Pasadena City College, Caltech, and the Allen Gold Line Station. This vehicle will replace a vehicle with comparable seating capacity.

In November 2009, the Morongo Basin Transit Authority (MBTA), a member of the California Association of Coordinated Transportation (CalACT), formed the CalACT/MBTA Vehicle and Materials Purchasing Cooperative (Cooperative), which developed the bid documents and product specifications for a competitive price-based procurement process for several classes of transit vehicles to be used by participating governmental agencies. The selection process the Cooperative followed meets federal requirements as well as the City's purchasing requirements. As a participating member of CalACT, the City is eligible to use this bid for the purchase of transit vehicles.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

The proposed action is consistent with the following goals of the Strategic Plan: Improve, Maintain and Enhance Public Facilities and Infrastructure; Increase Conservation and Sustainability; and Improve Mobility and Accessibility throughout the City. The purchase of this clean fuel CNG replacement ARTS bus will replace a diesel fuel bus and will enhance the ARTS by helping to minimize service interruptions due to the current deteriorating condition of the aging ARTS fleet.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

This purchase of a CNG ARTS bus will replace a diesel bus and will help to attain the City's goal to reduce particulate matter and smog-forming emissions, per the United Nations Urban Environmental Accords (UEA) Action 14.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds for the purchase of the replacement ARTS bus are available in the FY2011 Capital Improvement Program (*Replacement of Medium Duty Transit Vehicles – Project 75040*) in the amount of \$100,000 out of Proposition A (Fund 208) transit funds. It is recommended that the \$19,859 be transferred from Proposition C (Fund 209) transit funds to fully fund this purchase.

It is anticipated that all of the cost will be spent during the current fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

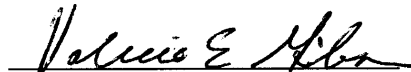


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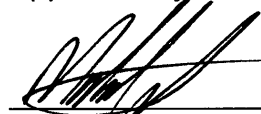
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City of Pasadena Taxpayer Protection Amendment
Pasadena City Charter, Article XVII**

Contractor/Organization hereby discloses its trustees, directors, partners, officers, and those with more than 10% equity, participation, or revenue interest in Contractor/Organization, as follows:

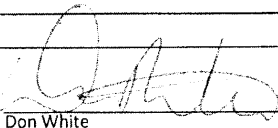
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1. Contractor/Organization Name: Creative Bus Sales, Inc.

2. Type of Entity: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> non-government <input type="checkbox"/> nonprofit 501(c)(3), (4), or (6)

3. Name(s) of trustees, directors, partners, officers of Contractor/Organization:
Anthony Matijevich - President
Terry McCrea - CFO
Vicky Matijevich - Secretary

4. Names of those with more than a 10% equity, participation or revenue interest in Contractor/Organization:
Anthony Matijevich - President

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