

Agenda Report

July 11, 2016

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Department of Transportation

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL AGREEMENTS WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY ASSOCIATED WITH THE RECEIPT OF FTA SECTION 5310 GRANT FUNDING AND THE PURCHASE OF SEVEN REPLACEMENT PASADENA DIAL-A-RIDE BUSES

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the purchase of Dial-A-Ride buses 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 Interim City Manager to execute all agreements with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) associated with the receipt of \$434,700 in reimbursable Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 grant funding for the implementation of the awarded City of Pasadena Aging Vehicle Replacement Project; and
3. Authorize the Interim City Manager to enter into a contract with Creative Bus Sales for seven replacement StarCraft Allstar Pasadena Dial-A-Ride buses in an amount not to exceed \$512,087. Competitive Bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(H) contracts with other governmental entities or their contractors for labor, materials, supplies or services.
4. Grant the proposed contract an exemption from the Competitive Selection process pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.08.049(B) contracts for which the City's best interests are served.

BACKGROUND:

Through the 2015 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 program, the City was awarded funds to purchase seven 20-foot replacement Pasadena Dial-A-Ride

vehicles. The seven vehicles recommended for replacement have exceeded their useful life in both age (five years) and miles (150,000+ miles). The vehicles recommended for purchase are equivalent to the City's current fleet of medium duty 2008-09 Ford 20-foot Starcraft Allstar Ford E-450 transit vehicles. Each vehicle contains one wheelchair lift at the rear of the bus facing curbside. Each vehicle can accommodate up to 16 passengers and has four wheelchair securements.

The seven replacement vehicles will be funded with \$434,700 from the FTA 5310 Program and \$77,387 in local transportation sales tax funds. The purchase of these replacement vehicles will help minimize service interruptions due to vehicle reliability problems, improve service quality and help meet existing ridership demand. The projected delivery of these vehicles is anticipated for late calendar year 2016.

The specialized paratransit service of Pasadena Dial-A-Ride requires vehicles be used in revenue service that meet the needs of the senior and disabled community, including those who use wheelchairs. In addition, the primary source of funding for this project is from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) which has over 30 requirements, three of which pertain specifically to transit vehicle requirements, including Buy America compliance, Altoona testing, and the process of disposing of vehicles. The grant-funded vehicles being purchased need to meet the arduous vehicle service requirements of public transit. In order to meet these needs, all public transit vehicle procurements funded by the FTA are required to be tested for reliability and in-service performance by the federally recognized unbiased test center, Altoona Bus Research and Testing Center. In addition, these buses must be certified and audited to meet the FTA requirements of Buy America which require 60% or greater of the content of the vehicle be made in the United States. The vehicles being replaced will be disposed of following FTA requirements (FTA Circular 5010.1D) and Section 4.04.040 of the Pasadena Municipal Code that governs the disposition procedures for salvage property and scrap. The FTA requires partial reimbursement to FTA whenever the fair market value of the disposed property exceeds \$5,000. The transit vehicles being purchased for this federal grant award have met all FTA public transit and commercial use requirements.

In order to help medium, small, rural and specialized transportation providers meet rigorous federal transit vehicle procurement requirements, 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 has become the state's purchasing cooperative for smaller agencies statewide to use to ensure federally compliant procurements.

The Cooperative developed bid documents and product specifications for a federally compliant competitive price-based procurement process for several classes of transit vehicles to be used by participating governmental agencies and in 2016 executed a contract with Creative Bus Sales to establish the pricing for transit vehicles currently in effect. The selection process the Cooperative followed meets the more than 30 federal requirements specific to federally funded transit procurements.

As a participating member of CalACT, the City is eligible to use the Cooperative contract with Creative Bus Sales for the purchase of transit vehicles. City staff evaluated and assessed several different vehicle manufacturer options offered through the Cooperative contract, which each met the required vehicles specifications. Per this evaluation, the selection of the StarCraft Allstar was made based on both price and suitability relative to the existing fleet. The table below shows cost comparison between the vehicles evaluated.

Manufacturer	Goshen	StarCraft	Startrans	Champion	Glaval	Eldorado
Cost	\$ 509,913	\$ 512,087	\$ 520,108	\$ 531,316	\$ 541,066	\$ 587,843

The StarCraft Allster was the second lowest cost of the six manufacturers by about \$2,174 per vehicle. The key factors in selecting the StarCraft Allstar vehicles consisted of both the overall cost savings of having a consistent fleet and increased reliability with a maintenance team that is already extremely familiar with the Starcraft vehicles. Furthermore, purchasing the requested vehicles through the Cooperative is in the City's best interest because it will save the City \$28,000 on the purchase of the vehicles over factory-based pricing; the Cooperative has negotiated a volume-based discounted price for this class of vehicle.

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. This purchase of seven replacement Dial-A-Ride vehicles will enhance Dial-A-Ride by helping to minimize service interruptions due to the current deteriorating condition of the seven aging Dial-A-Ride vehicles in the fleet.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

The purchase of these vehicles is exempt from the CEQA review pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15302, replacement of existing transit facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

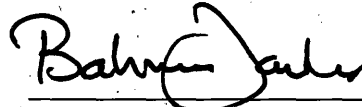
FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost of this action to replace seven Pasadena Dial-A-Ride vehicles will be \$512,087, which includes a local match of \$77,387. Funding for this replacement is available in the FY 2017 Capital Improvement Program Project 75086 (Purchase of Dial-A-Ride Vehicles) from the following funding sources:

Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Funds	\$434,700
Fund 209 Proposition C Local Transit Fund Balance	\$ 77,387
Total Sources	\$512,087

The seven replacement vehicles will be operated and maintained under the City's transit operations contract with First Transit, Inc. This contract for the Pasadena Dial-A-Ride operations and vehicle maintenance is included in the Department of Transportation's operating budget.

Respectfully submitted,



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