

Item 11 - July 13 City Council meeting

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From page 3 of the Staff Report on item 11:

It's good to see that the Staff is going to save the City some funds by procuring hardware directly from the vendor for Dial-a-Ride vehicle technology rather than going through a third party and paying markups that increase the cost. Looks like the city didn't need to buy its new cybersecurity software from third party reseller Carahsoft after all. Instead, DoIT chose to sign with Carahsoft and add to the profits of a company that sells surveillance technology to ICE. I'm happy to see that at least the Department of Transportation can handle the "direct administrative oversight and logistics coordination" required to buy direct and save the City money.

While Pasadena Dial-A-Ride vehicles have historically had their onboard technology hardware procured directly through the Connexionz agreement, Pasadena Transit vehicles were previously equipped at the factory by the manufacturer, New Flyer. However, New Flyer and Connexionz no longer partner on factory integrations. Therefore, the City is now required to procure this equipment directly through the Connexionz contract. Although this modified approach requires more direct administrative oversight and logistics coordination by City staff, procuring the hardware directly from the system vendor eliminates third-party manufacturer markups and is ultimately less costly to the City.

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