

Agenda Report

To: CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** October 18, 1999
FROM: CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: Purchase of Three (3) Dial-A-Ride Buses

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council: i) accept the bid dated September 1, 1999, submitted by Quality Coach Bus Sales in response to specifications for the purchase of three (3) Dial-A-Ride Paratransit Vehicles, ii) reject all other bids, iii) approve a journal voucher appropriating an additional \$81,344 from the unencumbered fund balance of the Proposition C Transportation Sales Tax Fund to the FY 2000 operating budget of the transit services program (budget account # 8107-209-763311) and iv) authorize the Purchasing Administrator to issue a purchase order contract to Quality Coach Bus Sales, in an amount not to exceed \$151,344.

BACKGROUND:

The Dial-A-Ride program is a curb-to-curb transportation service that has been in operation since October 1984, serving seniors aged 60 and over and persons with disabilities of any age in Pasadena, San Marino and the LA County areas of East San Gabriel and Altadena.

In 1989, the City purchased eight gasoline-fueled buses for use in the Dial-A-Ride service. The project life span for each bus was five years. Now in their tenth year of operation, with over 200,000 miles the buses have begun to show significant wear on their drivetrain components, flooring, and wheelchair lifts and passenger comfort items such as seats and air conditioning/heating units. Consequently, the vehicles are no longer economical to maintain.

On August 5, 1999, a Notice Inviting Bids was published in *The Pasadena Journal* and posted on the City's web page. In addition, specifications were sent to ten businesses on the Purchasing Division's vendor list that sell these types of buses. Seven responses were received and opened in the City Clerk's Office on September 1, 1999.

The Bid results are as follows:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Quality Coach Bus Sales	\$151,343.09
United Bus Corporation	\$157,090.74
Creative Bus Sales, Inc.	\$159,775.14
A-Z Bus Sales, Inc.	\$164,857.95
Sunset Bus	\$171,470.10
Auto Safety House	\$184,918.26
California Bus Sales	\$193,773.57

The bid that was submitted by Quality Coach Bus Sales was responsive to the requirements of the specifications. Based on this, it is recommended that the City Council authorize the issuance of a purchase order contract to Quality Coach Bus Sales.

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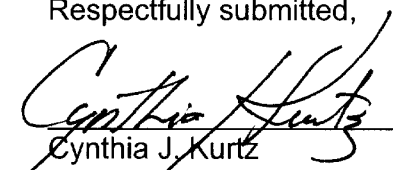
The FY 2000 operating budget of the transit services program funded by Proposition C Transportation Sales Tax Fund, Contains \$70,000 for the purchase of these vehicles. Funds are available in the unencumbered fund balance of the Proposition C Transportation Sales Tax Fund to cover the additional \$81,344 needed for the purchase of the vehicles for the Dial-A Ride program in FY 2000. This \$81,344 needs to be appropriated to budget account # 8107-209-763311.

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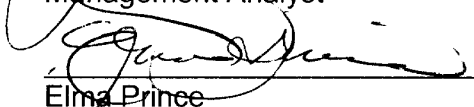
Respectfully submitted,



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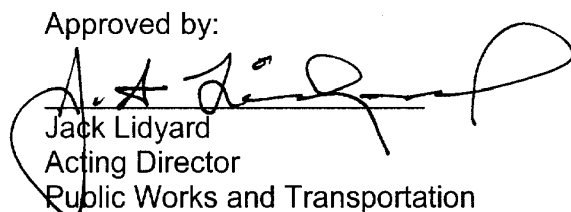


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