

REGIONAL TRANSIT ISSUE PAPER

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6	06/11/12	Open	Action	04/30/12

Subject: Approving the Fifth Amendment to the Contract with Creative Bus Sales for Purchase of Paratransit Buses

ISSUE

Whether or not to Approve the Fifth Amendment to the Contract for Purchase of Paratransit Buses with Creative Bus Sales, Inc.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt Resolution No. 12-06-_____, Approving the Fifth Amendment to the Contract for Purchase of Paratransit Buses with Creative Bus Sales, Inc.

FISCAL IMPACT

Budgeted:	Yes	This FY:	\$	53,879.88
Budget Source:	Capital	Next FY:	\$	N/A
Funding Source:	Federal & State	Annualized:	\$	N/A
Cost Cntr/GL Acct(s) or Capital Project #:	P006.07 (\$41,753.13) B137.07 (\$12,126.75)	Total Amount:	\$	53,879.88
Total Budget:	\$53,879.88, including sales tax & fees			

DISCUSSION

On November 14, 2011, the RT Board approved an amendment to the contract with Creative Bus Sales to purchase an additional 50 paratransit vehicles. The production of these vehicles is currently underway. The vehicles will be leased to Paratransit, Inc., RT's ADA paratransit provider, for use in demand response service. Staff proposes adding an Anti-Idling Device (Eco Star) to the build specifications for these vehicles. The device has two primary benefits: fuel cost savings and reduction of emissions. Paratransit, Inc. has provided RT with information regarding a test of the device conducted last year on six vehicles in the paratransit fleet. According to the operational test results submitted by Paratransit, Inc., average annual fuel cost savings per vehicle exceeded \$400.00 based on a fuel price of \$3.50 per gallon. Paratransit, Inc. also reported that the annual CO2 emissions can be expected to be reduced by 2,200 lbs. per vehicle. The length of the test was more than one year, which provided opportunities to ensure the value of the technology during winter and summer months, when heating and air conditioning is considered essential for paratransit passengers. Staff recommends the installation of this Anti-Idling Device on the 50 vehicles to contain fuel costs and reduce vehicle emissions.

On December 12, 2011, the RT Board approved an amendment to the contract with Creative Bus Sales to purchase six CNG-fueled 32-foot vehicles from El Dorado National Coach for use on the

Approved:

Presented:

Final 5/31/12

General Manager/CEO

Director, Accessible Services & Customer Advocacy

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North Natomas TMA Flyer service. These buses come standard with Sherex brand Model 1000 low-volume CNG fill receptacles on the driver side of the bus. RT's fuel island is outfitted with multiple dispensers along two lanes that are intended for curbside fueling. Only the front-most dispensers are outfitted with the smaller Sherex 1000 low-volume fittings.

It was determined that limiting the new buses to one dispenser at a slower fill rate would be too cumbersome and would impact the ability to quickly fill the other 40-foot buses in the same fuel island lane in the evenings. Therefore, Creative Bus Sales added a second curbside Sherex model 5000 high-volume filler to match the rest of RT's CNG fleet. The result of this change allows staff to fuel the new fleet of CNG buses for the North Natomas service quickly and efficiently at the RT facility and at other slow-fill facilities using the smaller nozzles, such as at the PG&E public dispensers.

Because the aggregate amendments to this contract with Creative Bus Sales exceed \$40,000, RT's procurement policy requires Board approval of the additional funds required for amendment.

Staff requests the Board approve the Fifth Amendment to the Contract with Creative Bus Sales for Purchase of Paratransit Buses for \$50,016.50, plus applicable sales tax.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-06-_____

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Regional Transit District on this date:

June 11, 2012

**APPROVING THE FIFTH AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF
PARATRANSIT VEHICLES WITH CREATIVE BUS SALES, INC.**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

THAT, the Fifth Amendment to the Contract for Purchase of Paratransit Buses between Sacramento Regional Transit District, therein referred to as "RT," and Creative Bus Sales, Inc. therein referred to as "Contractor," whereby RT agrees to purchase and Contractor agrees to supply and install Intermotive EcoStar equipment on 50 paratransit vehicles and Sherex 5000 CNG Fill Receptacles on six El Dorado National AeroElite vehicles for an amount not to exceed \$50,016.50, plus applicable sales tax, is hereby approved.

THAT, the General Manager/CEO is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Fifth Amendment.

BONNIE PANNELL, Chair

A T T E S T:

MICHAEL R. WILEY, Secretary

By: _____
Cindy Brooks, Assistant Secretary