

# REGIONAL TRANSIT ISSUE PAPER

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Subject: Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Release an Invitation to Bid for Light Rail Vehicle Seat Reupholstery Services

## ISSUE

Whether to Delegate Authority to the General Manager/CEO to release an Invitation to Bid for Light Rail Vehicle Seat Reupholstery Services.

## RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt Resolution No. 14-11-\_\_\_\_\_, Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Release an Invitation to Bid for Light Rail Vehicle Seat Reupholstery Services.

## FISCAL IMPACT

Budgeted: Yes  
Budget Source: Operating/Federal/State  
Funding Source: Local/Capital  
Cost Cntr/GL Acct(s): CC 35, GL 630003/R085

No fiscal impact as a result of this action. The contract award, which will involve the expenditure of funds, will be presented to the Board for approval as a future action.

## DISCUSSION

RT has three fleets of light rail vehicles (LRVs) that currently have fabric seat covers. The fleets include 36 Siemens LRVs put into service in 1987; 40 Construcciones y Auxiliar de Ferrocarriles (CAF) LRVs put into service in 2003; and 21 UTDC light rail vehicles that are currently being refurbished and will be put into service next year. Over the years, both vinyl and fabric seat covers have been used; Staff has found that vinyl is the preferred material to avoid the frequent replacement of the fabric cushions. For the CAF and Siemens LRVs, RT intends to replace all of the fabric seat covers with new, more durable and attractive, vinyl. Unfortunately, due to the designs of the seats, vinyl is not a viable option for reupholstery for the UTDC light rail vehicles, so fabric will continue to be used for those vehicles. The upholstery on the UTDC vehicles is generally in good condition and is currently being steam-cleaned; Staff anticipates that only 50% of the UTDC seats will require new fabric upholstery. Staff seeks the services of a contractor to reupholster and make minor repairs to the seat covers on the aging fleets of LRVs. RT has purchased, and tested on the system, new vinyl upholstery that RT will supply to the Contractor. RT will also supply new upholstery fabric to the Contractor for the UTDC LRVs.

Vinyl has several advantages over cloth fabric. Cloth-covered seats accumulate stains and odors that are difficult to clean and impossible to disinfect. In a study performed on the BART system in 2011, rider participants were surveyed to evaluate three options: textile, hard plastic and vinyl seats. Sixty-two percent of the riders selected the vinyl. Vinyl is expected to last longer, cost less

Approved:

Presented:

Final 11/5/14

General Manager/CEO

Director, Light Rail

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in the long run with less replacement costs, will be easier to clean and provide more resistance to bacteria and mold.

Because of the need for on-going maintenance of the LRV seats, the ITB will also include on-call reupholstery services for a period of 5 years.

The ITB is in development and will be ready to release in November. Staff prefers to release the ITB in November rather than wait for the December Board meeting; thus the need for the delegation to the General Manager/CEO to release the ITB.

Staff recommends the Board delegate authority to the General Manager/CEO to release an Invitation to Bid for light rail vehicle seat reupholstery services.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-11-\_\_\_\_\_

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

November 10, 2014

**DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE GENERAL MANAGER/CEO TO RELEASE AN  
INVITATION TO BID FOR LIGHT RAIL VEHICLE SEAT REUPHOLSTERY  
SERVICES.**

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

THAT, the Board hereby delegates authority to the General Manager/CEO to  
release an Invitation to Bid document for Light Rail Vehicle Seat Reupholstery Services.

THAT, the Invitation to Bid is advertised pursuant to the provisions of the Regional  
Transit Procurement Ordinance.

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PHILLIP R. SERNA, Chair

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MICHAEL R. WILEY, Secretary

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Cindy Brooks, Assistant Secretary