

REGIONAL TRANSIT ISSUE PAPER

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Subject: Approving Use of a CalACT/MBTA Contract with Creative Bus Sales for Purchase of 11 Class E CNG Buses to Support ADA Paratransit Service.

ISSUE

Whether to approve the contract for purchase of eleven paratransit buses through the CalACT/MBTA Cooperative Purchasing Schedule with Creative Bus Sales, Inc. to support RT's required Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) complementary paratransit service.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt Resolution 16-02-____, Approving the Contract for Purchase of Eleven Paratransit Buses through the CalACT/MBTA Cooperative Purchasing Schedule with Creative Bus Sales, Inc. to Support RT's Required ADA Complementary Paratransit Service.

FISCAL IMPACT

Budgeted:	Yes	This FY:	\$1,254,205.70
Budget Source:	Capital	Next FY:	\$
Funding Source:	Congestion, Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ), toll credits for match	Annualized:	\$
Cost Cntr/GL Acct(s) or Capital Project #:	910700 (vehicles) 910800 (admin) P007	Total Amount:	\$1,254,205.70
Total Budget:	\$1,254,205.70		

DISCUSSION

Eleven of the existing buses currently used for complementary ADA paratransit service have, in accordance with FTA guidelines and RT Standard Operating Procedures, reached the end of their service life. The proposed new buses would replace 11 gasoline cut-away buses with Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses, allowing a long-awaited opportunity to implement alternative fuel technology within the paratransit fleet.

The CalACT/MBTA Cooperative released RFP Number 11-03 in September 2011 for Accessible Transit/Paratransit Vehicles, which was a competitive, multiple-award procurement based on bidders meeting the bid specifications and falling within a predetermined competitive price range established by the Cooperative. The RFP included both Federal and State provisions and has been reviewed and approved by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for use by transit agencies located in the state of California. RT used the CalACT/MBTA purchasing cooperative successfully in 2010 and 2011 for the procurement of one hundred and two (102) paratransit vehicles and, more recently, for CNG vehicles for RT's Community Bus Service (CBS) fleet. It enabled RT to select from a menu of choices from different vendors and manufacturers that best

Approved:

Presented:

Final 02/16/16

General Manager/CEO

Accessible Services Administrator

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suited RT's needs, rather than the limitations of an award based solely on the price of the vehicles.

For the current procurement the El Dorado National AeroElite 270, sold by Creative Bus Sales, meets RT's needs. The total price per bus is \$114,018.70, plus applicable sales tax, which RT's Procurement Staff has determined to be fair and reasonable. This class of vehicle has a service life of seven years, as opposed to the five years of the vehicles being replaced.

The required fleet to operate ADA complementary service at the peak of the service day is 92 vehicles. When applying a reasonable ratio of spare vehicles at 20 percent, the total projected ADA complementary paratransit fleet required in FY 15/16 is 110 vehicles. RT's ADA vehicle plan currently indicates between four and seven vehicles will need to be purchased for expansion per year, with 102 scheduled for replacement between now and FY 20/21. RT currently holds title to 102 vehicles in the ADA complementary paratransit fleet. Thirty vehicles previously purchased by RT have exceeded their service life; however, eleven of these vehicles remain in the active fleet and must do so until they are replaced. These eleven vehicles have mileage between 186,000 and 246,000, with an average of 230,000 miles. This vehicle type becomes increasingly more expensive to maintain as it ages. Out of the remaining vehicles that were previously owned by RT, one was returned for donation to a social service agency and the remaining 18 have been transitioned to Paratransit, Inc.'s human-service transportation programs.

Under the Lease Agreement with Paratransit, Inc., RT holds title to each bus until the expiration of its useful service life, as determined in FTA Circular 5010.1D, and consistent with Section IV.3. Once bus exceeds its useful life, title to that bus passes to Paratransit, Inc. According to the Lease Agreement, after exhaustion of its useful service life, each Bus may be used for ADA Complementary Paratransit Service, Non-ADA Demand Response Service, and for Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) services that Paratransit coordinates with its CTSA Agency Partners. The Lease further states that the buses can only be used for the provision of ADA Complementary Paratransit Service and Non-ADA Demand Response Service until such time as a replacement bus is delivered and added to Exhibit A.

The eleven vehicles in the active fleet will transition to Paratransit, Inc.'s human-service transportation program once they are replaced. The proposed new buses are new CNG cut-away buses, offering an enhanced range of around 250 miles between refueling. CNG fuel is the preferred fuel-type for these coaches, as RT has had great success with its 40' CNG bus fleet, and more recently with CNG cutaways used in its CBS Department. The stable price of CNG has provided substantial fuel cost-savings.

Staff recommends the Board authorize a Contract with Creative Bus Sales, Inc. for replacing the 11 vehicles in the active fleet that have exceeded their service life, in order to ensure adequate vehicles are provided to meet RT's ADA obligations and to reduce vehicle maintenance expenses.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-02-_____

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

February 22, 2016

APPROVING THE CONTRACT FOR ELEVEN PURCHASE OF PARATRANSIT BUSES THROUGH THE CALACT/MBTA COOPERATIVE PURCHASING SCHEDULE WITH CREATIVE BUS SALES, INC. TO SUPPORT RT'S REQUIRED ADA COMPLEMENTARY PARATRANSIT SERVICE

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

WHEREAS, the Sacramento Regional Transit District (RT) received Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds and toll credits to purchase paratransit vehicles to replace paratransit vehicles that have reached their service life; and

WHEREAS, the Morongo Basin Transit Authority (MBTA) served as the lead agency for a California Association for Coordinated Transportation (CalACT) Vehicle Purchasing Cooperative and, under RFP 11-03, conducted a negotiated procurement for paratransit/accessible buses, accepting proposers offering vehicles that met its specifications and whose prices fell within a competitive price range established by the Cooperative; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RFP #11-03, MBTA entered into a Contract ("MBTA Contract") with Creative Bus Sales, Inc. for the purchase of paratransit buses; and

WHEREAS, MBTA has assigned to RT the right to acquire 11 buses from Creative Bus Services, Inc. under the terms and conditions of the MBTA Contract.

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

THAT, the Contract for Purchase of Eleven Paratransit Buses through the CalACT/MBTA Cooperative Purchasing Schedule with Creative Bus Sales, Inc. (therein "Contractor") whereby Contractor agrees to sell and RT agrees to purchase 11 Class E CNG buses for an amount not to exceed \$1,254,205.70, plus applicable sales tax, is hereby approved.

THAT, the General Manager/CEO is hereby authorized and directed to sign said Contract upon such terms.

JAY SCHENIRER, Chair

A T T E S T:

MICHAEL R. WILEY, Secretary

By: _____
Cindy Brooks, Assistant Secretary