

STAFF REPORT

DATE: January 23, 2023
TO: Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Carmen Alba, VP, Bus Operations
SUBJ: DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE GENERAL MANAGER/CEO
TO PURCHASE CUTAWAY BUSES FOR SACRT GO
PARATRANSIT SERVICE.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Attached Resolution.

RESULT OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The SacRT General Manager/CEO will be authorized to enter into contracts to allow for the replacement of cutaways in the SacRT GO Paratransit Services fleet, subject to funding availability and compliance with SacRT procurement requirements.

FISCAL IMPACT

The purchase of a portion of the needed cutaway vehicles is included in the FY23 Capital Budget. Staff has secured funding for the purchase of 16 vehicles at this time, estimated to cost \$2,533,574. Additional buses may be purchased if further funding is identified.

DISCUSSION

On June 28, 2020, SacRT assumed direct responsibility for the provision of complementary paratransit service, which was previously provided through a contract with Paratransit, Inc. and SacRT renamed the service SacRT GO Paratransit Services. SacRT had purchased and leased to Paratransit, Inc. 2010/2011 Ford E-450 Allstar cutaway vehicles, 40 of which Paratransit, Inc. returned after termination of the service contract and lease. SacRT also purchased 80 new cutaway vehicles to replace the remainder of the 2010/2011 vehicles.

As of December 2022, the 40 vehicles returned from Paratransit Inc., have an average of 205,000 miles per vehicle and are well beyond the minimum 5-year service life specified by the FTA. SacRT GO Paratransit Service is vital to SacRT riders and the community; therefore the fleet's reliability is crucial. Replacing the current aging fleet with 2023 Class C Ford E-450 Full Size gasoline-powered Allstar cutaways will allow increased dependability and improved on-time performance for the SacRT GO service.

Currently funding is available to replace up to 16 vehicles from the aging fleet. Staff is working to secure additional funding for future purchases to replace the remaining 24 of 40 2010/2011 Ford E-450 Cutaways. At this time, Staff has determined that it is in SacRT's best interest to continue with gasoline-powered vehicles for this service and that Ford E-450 Cutaways are the preferred vehicle. Due to a shortage of Ford chassis for these vehicles, it is critical to timely execute purchase contracts to ensure that SacRT receives replacement vehicles at the earliest opportunity. Approving this delegation of authority to the General Manager/CEO will allow for the process to be expedited. Any purchase using this delegation will be subject to the requirements of the Procurement Ordinance and funding availability.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-01-011

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

January 23, 2023

DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE GENERAL MANAGER/CEO TO PURCHASE CUTAWAY BUSES FOR SACRT GO PARATRANSIT SERVICE.

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

THAT, authority is hereby delegated to the General Manager/CEO to approve Procurement contracts that would otherwise be in excess of his monetary authority, as set forth in the Procurement Ordinance (2022-12-001), subject to funding availability, for the purchase of Ford F-450 cutaway vehicles for SacRT GO Paratransit Service.

THAT, any contract entered into pursuant to this delegation of authority must be otherwise consistent with the requirements of the Procurement Ordinance.

THAT, this delegation of authority will expire, without further action by the Board, as of July 22, 2024.

STEVE MILLER, Chair

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HENRY LI, Secretary

By: _____
Tabetha Smith, Assistant Secretary