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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THRU:  Larry Rubio, Chief Executive Officer

FROM:  Vince Rouzaud, Director of Purchasing and Materials Management

SUBJECT: Authorization to Award a Contract To Creative Bus Sales, Inc., for Four (4) Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliant, Cal Trans Type (VII), 26-Passenger Vehicles; and, Authorization to work with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) to Obtain Authorization to Reprogram Residual Capital Grant Funds

Summary: Staff is requesting authorization to award a contract to Creative Bus Sales, Inc., for four (4), ADA compliant, 26-passenger vehicles for use by the Agency's contracted fixed route operations.

The larger Type VII vehicle seats up to 26 passengers or alternatively can accommodate 22 passengers and two wheelchair positions. These larger vehicles are needed in order to keep pace with growing ridership on several of the Agency's rural routes.

The standard vehicle currently in use for contract operations is the Caltrans Type II vehicle which is a 12-passenger "cutaway" van. This is the same type vehicle used for the agency's Dial-A-Ride program. The 12-passenger van has historically been used to provide fixed route service in outlying areas of the county where the use of a conventional 40-foot bus would be uneconomical to operate due to passenger productivity.

There are two routes (Route 23 and 24) where overcrowding conditions have necessitated the adding of both A.M. and P.M. trippers. Route 23 travels from the Inland Valley Regional Medical Center in Murrieta to the Temecula Community Center located on Pujol Street in Temecula. Route 24 begins at the County Municipal Center in Temecula and travels to the Pechanga Resort with final destination the Wal-Mart at Meadows Parkway and Highway 79.

The two routes provide service to several schools that are located along each route. Students make up the greatest percentage of ridership with both A.M. and P.M. loads currently exceeding the capacity of the 12-passenger van. While trippers are a short term solution, long term it is more cost effective to deploy larger vehicles with capacity to carry more passengers. The Type VII

vehicle will eliminate the need for A.M. and P.M. tripper service on Routes 23 and 24 which will save the Agency approximately \$41,858 annually (5.653 revenue service hours per day X \$43.05 per revenue service hour X 175 annual school days).

Staff recommends awarding a contract in conjunction with the State of California's contract to Creative Bus Sales, Inc., of Chino, CA. The State's contract covers requirements for the State of California as well as other participating agencies. The State's contract contains the appropriate Federal Transit Administration (FTA) required contract terms and conditions that allow other agencies like RTA to piggyback. This contract award is consistent with the Agency's technical specifications and general terms and conditions.

Because of statewide volumes, the State is able to obtain more competitive pricing than agencies could obtain on an individual procurement basis. The per-vehicle price for the Type VII vehicle is \$95,127. This amount includes a 2.56 percent (not-to-exceed \$7,500) administrative fee charged by the State.

These vehicles comply with the South Coast Air Quality Management District's (SCAQMD) Rule 1196 governing heavy duty public fleet vehicles. The vehicles operate on unleaded fuel and are certified by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) as meeting all applicable California emission regulations.

If approved by the Board, the new buses can be delivered by March 2007.

Fiscal Impact:

Funding for this procurement will be provided by a combination of reprogrammed capital grant funds leftover from previously completed projects along with \$41,067 received as insurance reimbursement for vehicle 05-08 which was declared a total loss as a result of an accident. A profile of the proposed project budget is shown below:

<b>Funding</b>			
Grant Reprogram (12/05)	\$	210,000	
Residual Funds - FY2005		139,680	
Insurance Payout - Vehicle 05-08		<u>41,067</u>	
Total			<u>390,747</u>
<b>Purchase Prices (4 Vehicles)</b>			
4 Type 7 Vehicles (93,252 Each)		373,008	
Procurement Fee		<u>7,500</u>	
Total	\$		<u>380,508</u>

FTA approval received on Aug. 29, 2006.  
(Grant CA-90-X968, Y066, & Y272)  
Approved by RTA Board on Dec. 15, 2005.

Original amount of 1,674,060 for purchase of 31 vehicles (Grant CA-90-Y337). Balance of 139,680 remains after purchase of 34 vehicles. FTA grant budget revision needed to adjust vehicle quantity.

Committee Recommendation:

This item was discussed at the Board Budget and Administration Committee meeting of September 13, 2006. The Committee members unanimously approved recommending this item to the full Board of Directors for their consideration.

Recommendation:

- Authorize staff to reprogram Federal and local match funding remaining on FTA capital grant CA-90-Y337 towards the purchase of four (4), 26-passenger ADA compliant vehicles.
- Authorize staff to work with the FTA and the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) to obtain authorization to reprogram the subject funding.
- Contingent upon approval of the above, authorize staff to award a contract to Creative Bus Sales, Inc., for a quantity of four (4), 26-passenger, ADA compliant vehicles in an amount that shall not exceed \$373,008.
- Contingent upon approval of the above, authorize staff to issue a purchase order to the State of California in the amount of \$7,500.00 to cover the State's administrative handling fee.