

RIVERSIDE TRANSIT AGENCY
1825 Third Street
Riverside, CA 92507

October 26, 2006

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 Buswest for Twenty-three (23) Replacement, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliant, Paratransit Vehicles

Summary: Staff is requesting authorization to award a contract to Buswest for twenty-three (23), ADA compliant, 12-passenger paratransit vehicles.

Twenty-two of these vehicles are considered replacement vehicles for vehicles that have exceeded their useful life as defined by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and were included in the Agency's Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) and FY 2006 capital budget previously approved by the Board of Directors.

The vehicles scheduled for replacement have been in service well beyond their intended service life of 100,000 miles. The average mileage for each of the 22 replacement vehicles exceeds 250,000 miles.

The remaining vehicle is a replacement for vehicle number 2403 which was declared a total loss as a result of an accident that occurred in October 2005.

Staff recommends awarding a contract in conjunction with the State of California's contract with Buswest of Santa Fe Springs, CA. The State's contract covers requirements for the State of California as well as other participating agencies. Because of the estimated volume, the State is able to obtain more competitive pricing than agencies could obtain on an individual procurement basis. Based on a per-bus price \$53,804.51, the cost to RTA for the twenty-three (23) vehicles shall not exceed \$1,237,504.

In accordance with the State's contract, the vehicles are considered Caltrans Type II vehicles and operate on unleaded fuel. The Type II vehicle seats 12-passengers and accommodates two wheelchair positions.

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

Fiscal Impact:

This item was included in the FY 2006 capital budget previously approved by the Board. Funding for this procurement will be provided by FY 2006 STA and LTF funds as detailed below.

Funding	
STA/LTF FY 06	\$1,254,000
Insurance Payout – Veh. 2403	\$ 20,590
TOTAL	<u>\$1,274,590</u>
Purchase Price (23 vehicles)	
23 Type II Vehicles (\$53,804.51)	\$1,237,504
State Procurement Fee	\$ 10,340
TOTAL	<u>\$1,247,844</u>
Residual funds	\$ 26,746
Available for inspection services	

Committee Recommendation:

This item was discussed at the Board Budget and Administration Committee meeting of October 4, 2006. The Committee members unanimously approved recommending this item to the full Board of Directors for their consideration.

Recommendation:

- Authorize staff to award a contract to Buswest for a quantity of twenty-three (23), 12-passenger, ADA compliant paratransit vehicles in an amount that shall not exceed \$1,237,504.
- Authorize staff to issue a purchase order to the State of California in the amount of \$10,340 to cover the State's 2.21 percent administrative fee.