



RIVERSIDE TRANSIT AGENCY
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April 26, 2007

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 Seven (7) Expansion, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliant, Paratransit Vehicles

Summary: Staff is requesting authorization to award a contract to Buswest for seven (7), ADA compliant, 12-passenger paratransit vehicles.

Expansion vehicles are needed in order to keep pace with the growing demands for ADA and dial-a-ride services. The seven (7) expansion vehicles were included in the Agency's Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) and FY 2007 capital budget previously approved by the Board of Directors.

During the first half of FY 2007, ridership for senior citizens and persons with disabilities has increased 14.6 percent compared to the same period last year.

Staff recommends awarding a contract off of the State of California's contract with Buswest of Carson, 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 of \$55,753.02, the cost for the seven (7) vehicles shall not exceed \$390,271.14. This amount includes a 2.56 percent administrative fee charged by the State.

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 three wheelchair positions. These vehicles comply with all federal, state, and local emission standards as well as meet the South Coast Air Quality Management District's (SCAQMD) Rule 1192 governing paratransit fleet vehicles.

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 August 2007.

Fiscal Impact:

Description	Quantity	Unit Cost	Amount
Type II	7	\$55,753.02	\$390,271.14

Funding for this procurement will be provided through a combination of Section 5310 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds and State Transportation Act (STA) local funding. This item was included in the FY 2007 capital budget previously approved by the Board.

Committee Recommendation:

This item was discussed at the Board Budget and Administration Committee meeting of April 4, 2007. 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 seven (7), 12-passenger, ADA compliant paratransit vehicles in an amount not-to-exceed \$380,529.59.
- Authorize staff to issue a purchase order to the State of California in an amount not-to-exceed \$9,741.55 to cover the State's 2.56% administrative fee.