

CITY OF SANTA ROSA  
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: BETH KRANDA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR - TRANSIT  
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT  
SUBJECT: COOPERATIVE PURCHASE OF BUSES  
AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works Department that the Council, by resolution: 1) approve the Transit Bus Cooperative Procurement (Joint Procurement) purchase under the CalACT-MBTA Vehicle Purchasing Cooperative's Solicitation #12-03 of three 40-foot low-floor Eldorado National buses from Creative Bus Sales Inc.; 2) authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a purchase order to Creative Bus Sales Inc. for the purchase of three buses in an amount not to exceed \$1,420,311; and, 3) authorize Director of Transportation and Public Works or the Director's designee to execute all documents necessary to effect the purchase, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Staff seeks approval of a Transit Bus Cooperative Procurement purchase under the CalACT-MBTA Vehicle Purchasing Cooperatives Solicitation #12-03 of three 40-foot low-floor Eldorado National buses from Creative Bus Sales Inc.

BACKGROUND

The Department of Transportation and Public Works seeks to procure three 40-foot low-floor buses for the CityBus fixed route service to replace three buses in the existing fleet that are 2000 models (17 years old) with an average of more than 625,000 miles. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) policy for transit buses lists a service-life of 12 years and 500,000 miles.

To procure these buses, the Department of Transportation and Public Works will use options that are to be assigned to the City of Santa Rosa from CalACT-MBTA Vehicle Purchasing Cooperative's Solicitation #12-03. This procurement has been reviewed and approved by Caltrans, as the Federal Transit Administration's designee in the state of California and has been reviewed and approved by their chief legal counsel.

City Code Section 3.08-160 allows the City to participate in joint purchasing programs maintained by state, county or other public agencies when determined to be advantageous to the City.

#### PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

None

#### ANALYSIS

1. This cooperative procurement will: (1) result in lower unit cost achieved through a larger purchase; (2) be acceptable to the FTA and (3) include 40-foot low-floor accessible buses. Participation in a cooperative procurement also saves the administrative costs to the City of conducting its own solicitation process.
2. This contract will allow the City to take delivery of the buses in at least six months earlier than would be possible if the City had conducted the procurement on its own.
3. Transit Division staff and their procurement consultant determined this CalACT procurement process meets the City's criteria for participating in a joint procurement and meets FTA requirements for a joint procurement.
4. The total cost for each bus is \$473,437 with an aggregate cost for three buses of \$1,420,311, including tax. The Point of Sale (POS) shall occur in the City of Santa Rosa to be reflected in the purchase order issued to Eldorado National Incorporated, which would result in the tax money coming back to Sonoma County and the City of Santa Rosa.
5. No general funds will be used for the purchase of these buses.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

The funding for this purchase is comprised of many years of funding, which have been approved in prior years by the Council. These include: FTA Section 5339 grant funding of \$702,689, FTA Section 5307 grant funding of \$329,299, Public Transportation Modernization Improvement and Service Enhancement Account Program (PTMISEA) grant funding of \$388,323 supporting appropriations of \$1,420,311. Approval of this action does not have a fiscal impact on the General Fund.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a project which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in

the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15378.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not Applicable

NOTIFICATION

Not Applicable

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution

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