

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

DEPT: Public Works

BOARD AGENDA #: *C-5

AGENDA DATE: March 1, 2016

SUBJECT:

Approval to Purchase a Clean Diesel Commuter Bus from Motor Coach Industries for Stanislaus County's Public Transit System, Stanislaus Regional Transit Fleet

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2016-107

On motion of Supervisor Chiesa, Seconded by Supervisor O'Brien
and approved by the following vote.

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Withrow, DeMartini, and Chairman Monteith

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

- 1) Approved as recommended
- 2) Denied
- 3) Approved as amended
- 4) Other:

MOTION:

ATTEST: Christine Ferraro
CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

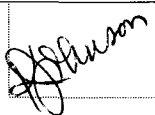
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**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
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CEO CONCURRENCE: _____

4/5 Vote Required: Yes No

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STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Authorize the purchase of a clean transit commuter 45-foot bus in the amount \$626,343 for Stanislaus County's public transit system, Stanislaus Regional Transit (StaRT) bus fleet from Motor Coach Industries in Los Alamitos, California.

DISCUSSION:

The Stanislaus County Public Works Transit division is responsible for managing transit operations for the County's transit system, Stanislaus Regional Transit (StaRT), including researching and recommending the purchase of transit buses to the Board of Supervisors.

In September 2014, the Stanislaus Council of Government awarded a Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) grant funding of \$1.2 million to the Public Works Transit Division to implement commuter express bus service in the County's transit service area. The CMAQ grant funds awarded to Stanislaus County will be used for the operating costs of the new commuter express bus route. The proposed route will serve the western part of the County, traveling from the Turlock Regional Transit Center to the City of Patterson and continue on to the Dublin BART Station. Staff is currently working to partner with Wal-Mart to lease a parking area to accommodate the vehicles of park and ride commuters.

After extensive research and in consultation with the County's transit service contractor, Storer Transit System, Inc., it was recommended that the County purchase a 45-foot motor coach bus to be used for the commuter express bus service. The 45-foot commuter style bus has the ability of carrying more than fifty passengers including those in wheelchairs. Transit staff in conjunction with Storer Transit Systems, Inc., reviewed specifications of three commuter style buses from Motor Coach Industries in addition to inspecting and ensuring the selected bus meets procurement guidelines. In addition, the Transit Division completed a sole source justification in coordination with the General Service Agency Purchasing Division to ensure adherence to County procurement procedures.

Upon further analysis of the remaining option, staff is recommending option three which enables the County to buy a brand new demonstration bus currently being built by Motor Coach Industries. When completed, the recommended bus would include all amenities

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including foot rest, Wi-Fi, tray tables, reading lights, security cameras, and beverage cup holders. The estimated cost of the new demonstration bus is \$575,000. In addition, staff is estimating \$7,500 for the cost of painting the bus and an estimated cost of \$43,843 for the sales tax and vehicle licensing. The total estimated cost of procuring the recommended bus is \$626,343.

In addition to evaluating MCI buses, staff also evaluated similar buses from ABC Companies. A majority of the slightly used ABC buses evaluated have higher mileage in excess of 100,000 miles or more and do not comply with the Buy America federal requirements. Some of the ABC Companies' buses evaluated are currently available for purchase; however, Storer advised the County not to purchase any of the used buses as it would not be cost effective and which may also lead to incurring higher maintenance cost due to the age of and mileage on the buses. Storer recommended buying the new demonstration bus since they have a shelf life of 20 to 25 years when compared to the slightly used buses that have a shelf life of 10 to 15 years. In addition, Storer advised that the new bus would be safer to operate than the used buses since they are rusted and could potentially be prone to mechanical break-down while in service.

It is recommended that the Board approve staff's request to procure the new bus directly from Motor Coach Industries using Local Transportation Funds. Motor Coach Industries was selected because they are the only vendor of demonstration buses that would be able to meet the timeline of delivering a new bus in a timely manner to implement the commuter express bus service. Based on further discussion with Motor Coach Industries, it is anticipated that the bus will be completed and delivered by March 2016.

Upon authorization, Transit will purchase one new demonstration bus, similar to the motor coach buses used by Storer Transportation System for their charter bus service. Approving this request will enable staff to purchase a new demonstration commuter motor coach bus at a reasonable cost. Upon approval by the Board of Supervisors, staff will move forward with purchasing the bus.

POLICY ISSUE:

The Board of Supervisors' approval of the sole source justification to procure the recommended bus from Motor Coach Industries will assure the bus is purchased, delivered and placed in service in a timely manner.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Appropriations to purchase the bus are included in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Public Works Transit Division Adopted Final Budget.

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Cost of recommended action:		\$ 626,343
Source(s) of Funding:		
Local Transportation Funds	\$ 626,343	
Funding Total:		626,343
Net Cost to County General Fund		\$ -

Fiscal Year:	2015-2016
Budget Adjustment/Appropriations needed:	No

Fund Balance as of:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PRIORITY:

The recommended action is consistent with the Board of Supervisors' priorities of A Well Planned Infrastructure System and Efficient Delivery of Public Services by ensuring the County's public transit system utilize public funds for equipment needed to sustain transit services.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Existing Public works staff will be working with GSA Purchasing division to procure the bus.

CONTACT PERSON:

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ATTACHMENT(S):

None