

**SUBJECT*****Dial-A-Lift Replacement Vehicles*****RECOMMENDED ACTION**

***To authorize the President and CEO to enter into a contract with Creative Bus Sales for the purchase of three MV-1 CNG vehicles, to be used for Long Beach Transit Dial-A-Lift services, for a total authorization amount not to exceed \$188,073.***

**BACKGROUND**

Long Beach Transit (LBT) Dial-A-Lift (DAL) is a curb-to-curb, shared-ride transit service exclusively for persons who are unable to use LBT's fixed-route bus system. Members must reside in and travel through the cities of Long Beach, Lakewood and Signal Hill. LBT provides DAL services under contract with Global Paratransit, Inc. DAL drivers are trained in the needs of persons with disabilities, and DAL services are provided with ADA-compliant vans.

LBT certifies individual eligibility for the service, manages membership, and provides customer service. DAL is a service that goes above and beyond what is required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990.

LBT currently owns eight, gasoline fueled, ramp-equipped minivans and two MV-1, CNG vans used to provide DAL service. The MV-1 is a purpose-built, mobility accessible vehicle which requires no retrofitting to meet ADA vehicle guidelines, unlike LBT's current vans.

The three MV-1 vehicles staff is requesting for purchase would replace the following vehicles:

Vehicle No.	Year	Make	Model	Odometer (mi.)
195	2013	Dodge	Van	176,669
193	2013	Dodge	Van	170,590
194	2013	Dodge	Van	166,975

It is LBT's practice to replace DAL vehicles based on a three-year cycle, nearing 200,000 miles. Going forward, all new CNG vehicles will be on a five-year cycle, with engines expected to exceed 200,000 miles, due to the clean-burning CNG fuel and the structural durability of the vehicle.

## **PROCUREMENT**

As a member of the California Association for Coordinated Transportation (CalACT), LBT was eligible to participate in a cooperative vehicle purchasing program, operated by CalACT, for the purchase of MV-1 vehicles. The cooperative solicitation resulted in a significant cost savings as compared to an independent solicitation. Creative Bus Sales, Inc., located in Chino, California, was one of two suppliers for the MV-1 vehicles available through CalACT. The contract price per vehicle is \$62,690.95, including all safety options and sales tax.

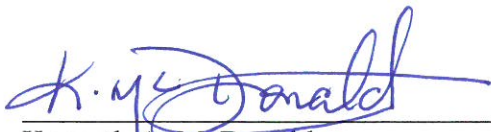
## **ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

The Board may choose not to award the contract, keeping the current vehicles in service longer. However, staff does not recommend this option as maintenance costs would increase on the current aging vehicles. An increase in Maintenance work orders could result in an insufficient number of vehicles available for LBT's DAL service.

## **BUDGETARY/FISCAL IMPACT**

Staff is requesting authorization for the President and CEO to enter into a contract with Creative Bus Sales for the purchase of three MV-1 CNG vehicles, to be used for LBT Dial-A-Lift services, for a total authorization amount not to exceed \$188,073.

This project will use local funds contained in capital budgets previously approved by the Board.



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