

**SUBJECT***Replacement of Service Vehicles***RECOMMENDED ACTION***To authorize the President and CEO to enter into a contract with Cal Worthington Ford for the purchase of four Ford Interceptors service vehicles, at a not-to-exceed cost of \$108,852.***BACKGROUND**

Long Beach Transit's (LBT) 98-square-mile service area includes the cities of Long Beach, and 12 surrounding cities. Each day, over a 22-hour period, Road Supervisors respond to calls for vehicle, route and bus stop assistance from customers, Operators, and LBT staff. To respond to these calls Road Supervisors' service vehicles carry safety and emergency equipment and are able to push a disabled vehicle out of traffic if necessary.

These service vehicles experience extremely high mileage (as much as 23,000 miles per year) and are typically in need of replacement after five years. This year, four vehicles have been identified for replacement. These vehicles have reached the end of their useful life. They are between six and seven years old and each has a total mileage ranging from 133,000 to 150,000 miles.

**PROCUREMENT**

In preparation for the replacement of these service vehicles, LBT issued an invitation for bid (IFB) for four Ford Interceptors to qualified car dealers. LBT received three bids from the following: South Bay Ford Lincoln in Hawthorne; Caruso Ford in Long Beach; and Worthington Ford in Long Beach. Worthington Ford was the lowest and most responsible bidder with a price of \$27,213 per vehicle including sales tax and fees, totaling \$108,852 for all four vehicles.

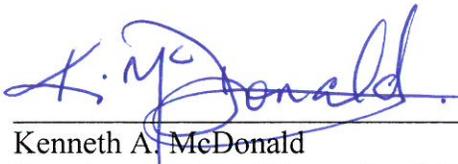
**ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

LBT staff could retain its current Road Supervisor vehicles in service; however, this is not recommended as the cost of maintaining aging vehicles is prohibitive.

**BUDGETARY/FISCAL IMPACT**

Staff is requesting authorization to enter into a contract with Cal Worthington Ford for a not-to-exceed cost of \$108,852.

Funds for this project were included in the Fiscal Year 2013 and Fiscal Year 2016 capital budget previously approved by the Board.



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Kenneth A. McDonald  
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