

SUBJECT

New Flyer 2900 Series Bus Refurbishment

RECOMMENDED ACTION

To authorize the President and CEO to enter into a contract with McCray's Enterprises to refurbish 25 New Flyer 2900 series hybrid electric buses, for a total cost not to exceed \$1,163,899.

BACKGROUND

As part of the ongoing effort to keep Long Beach Transit's (LBT) fleet modern and attractive, funds are regularly requested in the annual capital program to refurbish buses that have reached six years of age. Refurbishment includes interior and exterior paint, exterior decals, interior and exterior lighting and fire suppression system upgrade, as well as other improvements.

This year, the refurbishment of 25 New Flyer 2900 series hybrid electric buses, purchased in 2009, was included in the capital program.

PROCUREMENT

In preparation for the selection of a contractor to perform the mid-life rehabilitation of 25 New Flyer 2900 series hybrid electric buses, LBT issued an invitation for bid (IFB) to three qualified contractors: McCray's Enterprises, Complete Coach Works and ABC Companies. McCray's Enterprises was the lowest and most responsible bidder with a base price of \$1,021,199, plus \$36,891 for options, totaling \$1,058,090.

The optional work includes the sanding and painting of the window frames, replacement of the side-control console decals, and the sanding and reapplication of the safety yellow powder coat on all interior stanchions.

Requested funds include a contingency for extra body repair or mechanical work outside of the scope of work found during inspection. The 10 percent contingency for this project is \$4,232 per bus, bringing the not-to-exceed contract total to \$1,163,899 including labor, materials and sales tax.

McCray's Enterprises also previously performed the mid-life rehabilitation of LBT's New Flyer 2400 and 2500 Series hybrid electric buses. Staff found the overall quality of their work to be excellent including their customer service and adherence to the project schedule.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Board could opt not to refurbish the 2900 series buses; however, staff believes that the overall cost of not refurbishing would eventually be higher. Repainting and purchasing decals in limited amounts would be more costly. This method of replacement would affect other components identified for replacement such as passenger and driver seats, wheels and fire suppression system upgrades.

BUDGETARY/FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this project were included in the Fiscal Year 2015 capital budget previously approved by the Board.

Staff is requesting authorization to enter into a contract with McCray's Enterprises for a not-to-exceed cost of \$1,163,899.



Kenneth A. McDonald
President and Chief Executive Officer