

**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 Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) vehicles, to be used for Long Beach Transit Dial-A-Lift services, for a total authorization amount not to exceed \$189,000.***

**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 or 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 three, gasoline fueled, ramp-equipped vans and seven MV-1, CNG vehicles which are 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 the minivans.

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

Vehicle No.	Year	Make	Model	Odometer (mi.)
197	2014	Dodge	Van	125,740
198	2014	Dodge	Van	107,501
199	2014	Dodge	Van	120,422

To ensure optimal mechanical reliability; and based on vehicle miles traveled, LBT traditionally replaced DAL vans on a three-year cycle.

Going forward, newly procured DAL vehicles will be on a five-year cycle, based on the clean-burning CNG fuel and the structural durability of the MV-1 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 \$62,808 including all safety options and sales tax.

**DBE/SBE PARTICIPATION**

Due to the nature of the solicitation, a Small Business Enterprise (SBE) goal was not established.

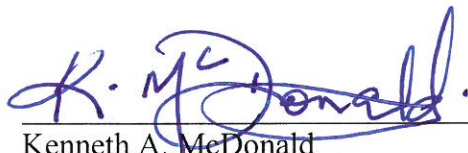
**ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

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 and operating costs will 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 \$188,424.

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



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