



MEMORANDUM

TO: Timothy J. Baroody, City Manager
FROM: Jamie Jackson, Director of Public Transit and Transportation
SUBJECT: Contract Award for Six Transit Vehicles
DATE: February 14, 2023 (for February 14 Council Meeting)

ISSUE

Shall the City Manager be authorized to purchase six transit buses for Fredericksburg Regional Transit?

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend that City Council adopt the attached resolution that allows Fredericksburg Regional Transit to purchase transit vehicles from Sonny Merryman through State contract E194-94462 13-21, Vehicles: BOC, Low Floor 13+21 Passenger Vehicles.

DISCUSSION

Fredericksburg Regional Transit provides transit services for the Fredericksburg region; including, the City, Spotsylvania and Stafford Counties. Today, transit maintains approximately 30 vehicles that perform revenue service in its transit fleet. These vehicles service 21 routes; including, regular fixed route with route deviations, commuter service and service to Mary Washington University. The vehicles in transit's fleet are replaced after they have met their useful life as identified by the Federal Transit Administration. In its current fleet, these vehicles maintain a useful life between 5 years, 150,000 miles and 7 years and 200,000 miles. Transit replaces its vehicles on a schedule once the vehicles have met their useful life and in accordance with its Transit Asset Management Plan. Based on its current utilization, in a typical year, transit should be replacing four (4) to six (6) vehicles per year.

In the current year, Fredericksburg Regional Transit intends to purchase six (6) Body-On-Chassis (BOC) Transit Vehicles that will replace vehicles in the current fleet and expand its current fleet. This will ensure transit maintains a state of good repair as required by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). These vehicles will be purchased through the Virginia Statewide Contract E194-94462: Vehicles, BOC, Low Floor, 13 - 21 Passenger. Sonny Merryman, Inc. is an authorized vendor on the aforementioned contract.

FISCAL IMPACT

Transit intends to use a combination of Federal (FTA Section 5307 and Vanpool Alliance 5307) State (Department of Rail and Public Transportation), Commuter Choice – Northern Virginia Transportation Commission grants and local matching funds to acquire its vehicles. Local funds are received from the jurisdictions transit services and is included in its annual budget requests. Funding was approved and is included in the FY 2023 budget for these vehicle purchases.

Base Vehicle Pricing: \$200,775.45 Total Vehicle Pricing for six (6) vehicles: \$1,204,652.70

The vehicles are anticipated to be delivered around the close of the calendar year, and the funding will be encumbered into FY 2024 and paid to the vendor upon delivery.

Attachment: Resolution



MOTION:

SECOND:

**February 15, 2023
Regular Meeting
Resolution 23-__**

RE: Authorizing the Purchase of Six Vehicles for Fredericksburg Regional Transit

ACTION: APPROVED: Ayes: 0; Nays: 0

Fredericksburg Regional Transit needs to purchase replacement and expansion transit vehicles on an ongoing basis to maintain a reliable transit service and enhance its service offerings throughout the region. Fredericksburg Regional Transit is able to take advantage of a cooperative procurement to purchase Body-On-Chassis (BOC) Transit Vehicles through the Commonwealth of Virginia. Sonny Merryman, Inc., has vehicles available under the state contract that meet the needs of the system.

Transit has available in the FY 2023 budget funding to purchase six 21-Passenger vehicles at a total cost of \$1,204,652.70. City Counsel wishes to authorize the City Manager to proceed with the purchase of the transit vehicles.

Therefore, the City Council hereby resolves that the City Manager is authorized to purchase six buses from Sonny Merriman, Inc., through a cooperative contract with the Commonwealth of Virginia in the amount of \$1,204,652.70.

Votes:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent from Vote:

Absent from Meeting:

Clerk's Certificate

I certify that I am Clerk of Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, and that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution No. 23- , adopted at a meeting of the City Council held February 13, 2023, at which a quorum was present and voted.

***Tonya B. Lacey, MMC
Clerk of Council***