

Staff Report

TO: City Council

FROM: Doug Story, Assistant Director of Community Services

DATE February 1, 2022

SUBJECT: Transit Capital Improvement Project Update

Electric Shuttles (T-01)

As part of the VW Mitigation Grant, two electric buses were purchased and delivered in October 2021. These buses have replaced two gas buses which have been sent to a dismantler for destruction. City staff is currently working on the final paperwork and inspection details with VW Mitigation Grant staff. These buses will be charged using the electric charging stations located in the public parking lot across the street from City Hall. The buses were recently delivered and are now being used for the City's Dial-a-Ride program.

Budget: \$540,000 Funding Source: RCTC and VW Mitigation Grant

Fleet Maintenance and Operations Facility (T-02)

In 2019, vacant property located at the corner of Veile Avenue and Fourth Street was purchased by the City for construction of a CNG fuel station, vehicle maintenance facility, Public Works operations facility, and future expansion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Budget: \$1,220,277 Funding Source: RCTC

CNG Fueling Station (2019-0004)

City staff has been working with SoCal Gas on an agreement to design and build the CNG fuel station. City staff has also started discussion of a potential land lease arrangement with Waste Management for the construction of a CNG fuel station for its solid waste collections fleet. City staff is scheduled to meet with SoCal Gas in the next few weeks to continue conversations.

Budget: \$2,839,057 Funding Source: RCTC and Carl Moyer Grant

Bus Stop Rehabilitation and Passenger Amenities (T-03)

This project has two locations identified for bus stop and passenger amenities rehabilitation. The construction at the Walmart location is complete. Final details of informational posters at the location are being designed in house with the Public Information Office. The second location identified for a bus stop rehabilitation is on California Avenue at the Beaumont Library. City staff is designing the construction details for future bid. The remaining funds in the budget will be used for the bus stop at the Beaumont Library.

Budget: \$67,015 Funding Source: RCTC and LCTOP

Shop Building Maintenance (T-04)

This project is to maintain and upgrade the vehicle maintenance building. The first upgrade included internet cabling and the purchase of new computers to be able to more efficiently run maintenance software programs. The next upgrade being considered is the removal and replacement of a concrete slab to support the installation and use of new mobile lifts.

Budget: \$25,856 Funding Source: RCTC

Brand and Logo Update (T-05)

A new Beaumont Transit logo has been designed and implemented as new bus wraps have been installed. Bus stop signs have been purchased and are being installed in phases throughout the City. Remaining funds will be reprogrammed to a new project which will include updating bus stops with new schedule holders, benches, and other amenities. This will be addressed during the Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) process for FY2023 and then subsequently updated in the capital improvement project list.

Remaining Budget: \$55,824 Funding Source: RCTC

Shop Tools (T-06)

Vehicle maintenance requires the occasional purchase of larger ticket item tools to assist with the maintenance of Beaumont's fleet. Recent purchases include an impact wrench, jump starter, and wheel balancer.

Budget: \$10,954 Funding Source: RCTC

Vehicle Replacement (T-07)

City Council approved the purchase of two 32' EZ Rider II buses on October 5, 2021. This procurement is part of a purchasing cooperative administered by CalAct and the Morongo Basin Transit Authority (MBTA). Delivery of the buses is expected in late 2022.

Budget: \$1,400,000 Funding Source: RCTC

Video Camera Purchase and Installation (T-08)

Beaumont Transit entered into a demonstration agreement with Mobile View Safe Fleet as a possible solution to resolving existing camera failures in April 2019. Clearly an industry leader of a viable and reliable solution, Mobile View cameras were installed on Transit's three newest buses as part of the procurement process of the vehicles in 2020. City staff is presenting an item to City Council for the approval to procure and install Mobile View Safe Fleet camera systems on the remaining 18 transit vehicles.

Budget: \$110,000 Funding Source: RCTC and LCTOP

Paratransit Software (T-09)

Paratransit scheduling software, TripMaster, was purchased in November 2021 and is currently in use. Transit uses this program to facilitate reservations for the City's Dial-a-Ride program. This software allows City staff to have a cloud-based reservation process. The remaining funds from the completed project will be reallocated to another project during the SRTP process for FY2023 and will be subsequently updated in the capital improvement project (CIP).

Remaining Budget: \$1,590 Funding Source: RCTC

Mobile Lifts (T-10)

The vehicle maintenance division requires automatic lifts that will facilitate large and small vehicles. Bus lifts are being explored by City staff to be installed at the current vehicle maintenance facility. Installation of the new lifts will require replacing and upgrading the slab. Once the slab has been prepared City staff will initiate the procurement process for the lifts.

Remaining Budget: \$60,000 Funding Source: RCTC

Fiscal Impact:

The cost associated with preparing this staff report is \$645.

Recommended Action:

Receive and file the Transit Capital Improvement update.