



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type: City Council Meeting
Meeting Date: October 2, 2023
From: Andi Howell, Transit Director
Subject: Purchase Authorization: Two Mid-Size Transit Vehicles

DECISION TO BE MADE:

Whether to authorize staff to purchase two gasoline powered mid-size cut-a-way vehicles.

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT:

Sandy Transit is expanding service with the addition of the Clackamas Town Center route. Sandy secured \$250,000 in funding from the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Regional Coordination program for a vehicle purchase. During the grant program request, Transit intended to put a mid-sized cut-a-way on this route; electric if possible.

Transit is successfully moving ahead with the transition to electric, however the planning and construction of the needed infrastructure upgrades; the procurement of vehicles; and the securing of funding for planning, construction, and capital takes time. While all these aspects are moving forward, the current timeline for completion of upgrades and delivery of three 35' electric vehicles is at least 20-24 months. Sandy Transit would like to launch the Clackamas Town Center route at the start of 2024, approximately 3 months from now.

After discussion and fleet analysis, Transit has decided to use a 35' Gillig on this route with a future plan of an electric transition. Because 35' vehicles take approximately 24 months to procure, we plan to use a vehicle that is already in our fleet. In order to do this, we need to add vehicles that are available now and can be used on any route necessary.

This solution makes the startup of the Clackamas connection possible and solves an ongoing maintenance issue. Transit has been experiencing long down times due to problems with the supply chain. Buses (the blue trolley for example) have sometimes been down for months before a needed part becomes available. By purchasing two cut-a-way vehicles, spares will be available for nearly any route or service.

Sandy Transit conducted a Request for Quotes (RFQ) from the State Contract vendors for vehicles in stock or available by the end of the year. The vehicle that matches the RFQ the closest is the Eldorado Advantage sold by Schetky Bus Sales. Sandy has a good, long-standing history with Schetky Bus Sales and believes this bus is the solution for our fleet needs.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS / ANALYSIS:

This purchase was included in the FY24-25 approved budget. The budget included \$475,000 for the purchase of a vehicle in the event we chose to use a 35' diesel or mid-size electric vehicle.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Project Estimate:

\$344,429.62 for 2 buses.

Funding Sources:

\$250,000 from STIF; \$94,429.62 Transit Payroll Taxes

RECOMMENDATION:

The City recommends that the Council authorize staff to purchase the two cut-a-way vehicles from Schetky Bus Sales.

SUGGESTED MOTION LANGUAGE:

"I move to authorize staff to purchase two gasoline powered mid-size cut-a-way vehicles from Schetky Bus Sales, as detailed in the agenda packet."

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS / EXHIBITS:

Attachment A: Request For Quote

Attachment B: Schetky Bus Sales Bid

Attachment C: Creative Bus Sales Bid

Attachment D: Sandy Comparison Sheet