



# CITY OF LODI

# COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

**AGENDA TITLE:** Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Sign a Contract with the State of California for the Purchase of Six Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Dial-a-Ride Buses

**MEETING DATE:** June 20, 2001

**PREPARED BY:** Public Works Director

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign a contract with the State of California to purchase six Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses for Dial-a-Ride and issue a Purchase Order to El Dorado Bus Sales for six Type III Paratransit Buses.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The City of Lodi's Dial-a-Ride bus fleet is aging. The City currently owns two eight-year-old diesel, seven seven-year-old CNG, and five five-year-old gasoline Dial-a-Ride buses. The two diesel buses will be retired and the five gasoline buses will go into a contingency fleet. Although this increases the City's fleet by five vehicles, a contingency fleet is needed to avoid leasing buses during unexpected service increases or emergencies. It also provides vehicles when others are out of service for mechanical problems or accident repairs.

The six new Dial-a-Ride buses will be off the State of California's contract. Purchasing from the State contract saves money and valuable staff time. The estimated cost for each bus is \$75,000. These CNG buses will be heavy duty. The smaller Dial-a-Ride buses have shown not to hold up well for the day-to-day service. They have a 176-inch wheelbase and are 24 feet long. The expected life of these buses will be five years or 150,000 miles, whichever comes first. However, the City of Lodi has always exceeded the expected life of the paratransit buses because of the excellent maintenance they receive. Each new CNG bus will be driven about 120 miles per day and will be ADA-accessible. As was the case with the six fixed-route buses, no funding will come from Federal Transit Administration formula funds, TDA funds or the City's General Fund.

**FUNDING:** \$354,000 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds  
\$ 96,000 San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (Heavy-Duty Program)

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RESOLUTION NO. 2001-153

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY  
MANAGER TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
TO PURCHASE SIX COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS (CNG) BUSES  
FOR DIAL-A-RIDE

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BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Lodi that the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to sign an agreement with the State of California to purchase six (6) Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Buses for Dial-A-Ride; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager is authorized and directed to issue a Purchase Order to El Dorado Bus Sales, of San Mateo, California, in the amount of \$450,000, for the purchase of six (6) Type III Paratransit Buses.

Dated: June 20, 2001

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2001-153 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held June 20, 2001, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hitchcock, Howard, Land, Pennino and  
Mayor Nakanishi

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

  
SUSAN J. BLACKSTON  
City Clerk