



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Purchase of Transit Buses

MEETING DATE: August 17, 1994

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Assistant City Manager

INFORMATION: Councilmember Pennino, Dennis Callahan, Omer Coulter and I met with representatives of El Dorado Bus Sales, the low bidder for transit vehicle, to explore the feasibility of purchases CNG or unleaded fuel buses on Monday August 8, 1994.

We were notified that for the size vehicle we are purchasing that as of this date there are no certifiable conversion kits to convert gasoline to CNG. Therefore, we issued a purchase order for the purchase of unleaded gasoline vehicles.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: The City Council authorize the Purchasing Agent to advertise for two additional buses using the same specifications as for the last purchase.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The 1993-94 transit claim has provisions for two replacement vehicles for the present Dial-a-Ride fleet. We have three options available to us to procure those vehicles.

1. Rewrite the specifications and do a formal bid.
2. Purchase two full size vans using the State of California master contract.
3. Request of those that bid on the last bid to modify their response to provide additional vehicles.

We presently have two vehicles needing replacement with over 100,00 miles. These vehicles are showing signs of wear and must be replaced soon.

APPROVED

THOMAS A. PETERSON
City Manager



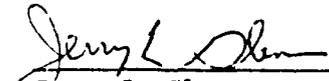
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Option 2 is viable and has a cost of approximately \$5,000 less than purchasing buses. We are not recommending that option as we have no experience with the lifts, we want to standardize our fleet to the greatest extent possible and the buses are more versatile than vans. We can use the new buses either in Dial-a-Ride or to supplement the fixed route system whereas we cannot do the same with vans.

Option 3 while it sounds simple, is quick, and likely will produce the same results has enough irregularities with our past practices and our purchasing ordinance to place in jeopardy our federal funding.

FUNDING: 1993-94 TDA and FTA funds

Respectfully submitted,



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CITY OF LODI, CALIFORNIA

The City of Lodi hereby invites sealed proposal for furnishing and delivering two (2) mid-size paratransit buses in accordance with this notice and specifications on file and available from the City of Lodi, Public Works Department, City Hall, 221 West Pine Street, Lodi, CA 95240. No bid will be considered unless it is submitted on a proposal form provided by the City of Lodi.

Said sealed proposals shall be delivered to the Purchasing Officer, City of Lodi, 221 West Pine Street, Post Office Box 3006, Lodi, CA 95241, at or before

11 a.m., Tuesday, September 6, 1994

and will be publicly opened and read at that time in the Public Works Conference Room, City Hall, 221 West Pine Street, Lodi, California.

The City of Lodi reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality in any bid, to accept other than the lowest bid, or not to award the bid.

Reference is hereby made to said specifications for further details, which specifications and this notice shall be considered part of any contract made pursuant thereto.

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Joel E. Harris
Purchasing Officer