



**CITY OF LODI  
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

**AGENDA TITLE:** Adopt Resolution Authorizing City Manager to Negotiate and Purchase Four Type 2 Medium Bus (Dial-A-Ride) Transit Vehicles Off of the State Contract, Authorizing Conversion of the Four Vehicles to Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and Appropriating Funds (\$380,000)

**MEETING DATE:** July 16, 2008

**PREPARED BY:** Public Works Director

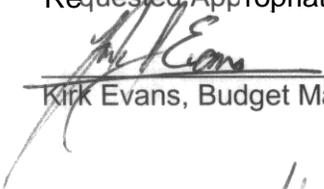
**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and purchase four Type 2 medium bus transit vehicles off of the State contract, authorizing conversion of the four vehicles to compressed natural gas (CNG), and appropriating funds as shown below.

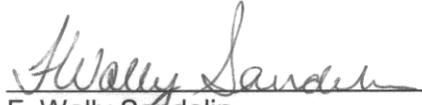
**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The City of Lodi currently operates numerous CNG vehicles and a fueling station. The Transit Division operates a fleet of 33 CNG transit vehicles. The City has received \$1 million in Proposition 1B funds for the replacement of seven transit vehicles. The four vehicles staff is proposing to purchase at this time are standard Dial-A-Ride style transit vehicles. Staff will return to Council later this year to procure the remaining three vehicles, which will be thirty-foot fixed-route vehicles.

Whereas, Lodi Municipal Code §3.20.070 authorizes use of other agencies' bids to secure the lowest price, staff is recommending that the four new gas-powered vehicles be procured off of the State contract due to the limited availability of CNG vehicles and the ease of procurement it provides. Those four vehicles will then be converted to CNG prior to the City taking possession to comply with the grant funding requirements. The vehicles will be identical to the thirteen vehicles received in the past two years and will allow for simplicity of repairs and stocking of parts. The \$380,000 for these vehicles will be from the Proposition 1B funds. The \$1 million dollars in Proposition 1B funds has already been received by the City and is only eligible for the vehicle purchases.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The cost of four vehicles has been included in the budget for the Transit system. Failure to award the agreement could result in **loss** of the grant funding, which could result in higher maintenance costs.

**FUNDING AVAILABLE:** Requested Appropriation: \$380,000 from Proposition 1B funding (Fund 1252)

  
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**APPROVED:**   
Blair King, City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-136

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND PURCHASE FOUR TYPE 2 MEDIUM DUTY TRANSIT VEHICLES THROUGH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA CONTRACT, AUTHORIZING CONVERSION OF THE VEHICLES TO COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS, AND FURTHER APPROPRIATING FUNDS

WHEREAS, Lodi Municipal Code Section 3.20.070 authorizes dispensing with bids for purchases of supplies, services, or equipment when it is in the best interest of the City to do so; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lodi currently operates numerous compressed natural gas (CNG) vehicles and a fueling station; and

WHEREAS, the City received Proposition 1B grant funding to replace vehicles in fiscal year 2008-09; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends purchasing four new gasoline vehicles to be procured through the State of California contract due to limited availability of CNG vehicles and the ease of procurement provided by the State contract; and

WHEREAS, staff further recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to negotiate a change order with Bus West to convert the vehicles to CNG.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council does hereby authorize the City Manager to negotiate and purchase four Type 2 medium duty bus (Dial-A-Ride) transit vehicles through the State of California contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to negotiate a change order with Bus West to convert the vehicles to CNG prior to the City taking possession; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the funds be appropriated as follows:

Proposition 1B Transit Capital Funds            \$380,000

Dated: July 16, 2008

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2008-136 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held July 16, 2008, by the following vote:

AYES:            COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hansen, Hitchcock, Johnson, Katzakian, and Mayor Mounce

NOES:            COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT:        COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSTAIN:       COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

  
RANDI JOHL  
City Clerk