

ITEM#: 16
DATE: 12-22-20

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR CYRIDE HEAVY DUTY BUS PURCHASE

BACKGROUND:

CyRide has received funding through six different grant sources to purchase a total of four 40-foot standard diesel buses. Together, these grants will cover 81% of the costs of the four new buses and provide a total funding ceiling of \$1,930,378. Local funding for these grants is included in the Capital Improvement Plan. These buses are scheduled to replace four obsolete 40-foot diesel vehicles, which would help move CyRide closer to meeting its federal Transit Asset Management (TAM) plan goals and reduce overall fleet emissions with newer, cleaner-burning engines. A summary of the funding sources is below.

Funding Source	Amount
Federal Share (81%) ICAAP, 5309, 5339	\$1,564,988
Local Funding (19%)	\$365,390
Total Funds Available	\$1,930,378

The Iowa Department of Transportation completed a statewide heavy-duty bus bid in the fall of 2018. Transit agencies in the State of Iowa can use the resulting contract to purchase buses, saving agencies administrative time and money. Buses manufactured by Gillig Corporation of Livermore, California comprise the majority of the CyRide fleet and awarding this contract to Gillig will allow CyRide to continue to standardize the fleet.

The bus manufacturer has completed preliminary pricing for the vehicles. The estimated price per bus from Gillig has been quoted at \$468,509 each, for a total cost of approximately \$1,874,036. The purchase of additional technologies like automatic vehicle location, automatic vehicle annunciators and automatic passenger counters are still being considered for these buses and will be maintained within the overall project budget. CyRide will continue to refine bus specifications until approximately six months before the vehicles are built, at which point the manufacturer will provide updated pricing. **Since vehicle pricing is not finalized until late in the process, staff is requesting approval of award to Gillig Corporation of Livermore, California at the not-to-exceed grant amount of \$1,930,378. The delivery date of the buses will be approximately 12-18 months from the date the purchase order is issued.**

The Transit Board of Trustees approved the award of the contract at their December 16, 2020 meeting.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve award to Gillig Corporation of Livermore, California in the not to exceed amount of \$1,930,378 for the purchase of four new 40-foot standard diesel buses.
2. Do not approve the contract award for the purchase of new heavy duty buses and direct staff to proceed according to City Council priorities.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approval of this contract will allow CyRide to replace four existing buses within its heavy-duty fleet and help CyRide maintain a state of good repair as required by FTA.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as noted above.