



PURCHASE OF 20 PARATRANSIT COACHES

Presented to: Organizational, Services &
Performance Monitoring Committee

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Project Overview

- RTA operates 80 Paratransit demand response vehicles servicing Cuyahoga County.
- To provide reliable service, buses must be replaced on a regular cycle.
- FTA recommends replacement of cutaways not to exceed 10 years.

Project Overview

- The GCRTA continues to replace Paratransit cutaway buses that have been in service since 2013 and have met their useful life.
- Bus features:
 - 1000 lb capacity wheelchair lift
 - MORryde suspension
 - Apollo video system upgrade

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- The Board of Trustees approved Resolution No. 2020-50 with Myers Equipment Corp. for the purchase of 10 El Dorado Paratransit coaches under Contract No. 2020-022. Those coaches have been received and are in use.
- The Board of Trustees approved Resolution No. 2021-52 with Myers Equipment Corp. for the purchase of 10 El Dorado Paratransit coaches under Contract No. 2021-064. Due to multiple supply chain and manufacturing issues with these vehicles, this contract was canceled.
- Note that both of these contracts were awarded utilizing the State of Ohio, Cooperative Purchasing Program.

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- Due to the Authority not receiving 10 replacement Paratransit coaches in 2021, those vehicles must be purchased under a new contract.
- In addition, the Authority requires 10 additional replacement coaches, as planned for 2022.
- After much research, the Fleet Management Department has found that the Diamond Paratransit coach, is an alternative to the El Dorado and is available to purchase under a State of Ohio contract.

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- These 20 Paratransit coaches will be funded from a competitive grant available through NOACA under the Section 5310 Program.
- 5310 are formula funds that GCRTA can specifically use for Paratransit/ADA vehicles.
- GCRTA plans to continue utilization of this grant to fund future Paratransit coach purchases.

Procurement Overview

Section 306.43 (H)(4) of the Ohio Revised Code provides political subdivisions, within the State of Ohio, the opportunity to participate in contracts executed by the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation.

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- GCRTA will purchase 20 Paratransit coaches from Western Reserve Coach Sales, Inc. through the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation, Cooperative Purchasing Program, under State Contract No. 248-22.
- The State of Ohio awarded this contract as a result of a competitive solicitation.

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Recommended Vendor:

- Western Reserve Coach Sales
 - Located in Alliance, Ohio

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Delivery Schedule:

- Anticipated delivery of 20 Paratransit coaches to begin around July 2023.

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Current customers include, but are not limited to:

- Shaker Auto Lease Inc., Cleveland, OH
- LED Transportation, Canton, OH
- Midwest Innovations Inc., Massillon, OH
- Stark County Koala Kruizers, N. Canton, OH

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Recommendation:

- Staff requests that the Organizational, Services & Performance Monitoring Committee recommend to the Board of Trustees the award of a contract to Western Reserve Coach Sales, Inc., for 20 Paratransit Coaches, at a unit price of \$122,744.00, resulting in a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,454,880.00.

Questions

