

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: June 11, 2024

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

From: Aaron King, Assistant City Manager
Jeff Fansler, Director of Transportation

Council Action Requested:

Resolution Awarding a Purchase Order for Trans-Aid Buses for The Winston-Salem Transit Authority.

Strategic Focus Area: Quality Transportation

Strategic Objective: No

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: No



Summary of Information:

On February 14, 2023, the Mayor and City Council awarded a contract to Creative Bus Sales Inc. for the purchase of trans-aid buses. Creative Bus Sales Inc. was the lowest bidder with the capability of meeting the vehicle specifications and submitted a cost of \$214,414 per bus. On June 13, 2023, Creative Bus Sales, Inc. was sold to Model 1, who assumed the contract by executing an agreement to fulfill the remaining terms, performance and conditions of the original bid and contract. Upon contract award, the City of Winston-Salem purchased four trans-aid Vehicles which have been placed in service.

According to the terms of the original contract, the City reserved the right to purchase an additional 39 trans-aid buses at a base cost of \$214,414 each with the option to adjust pricing per the Producer Price Index for Truck and Bus Bodies, Series No. 1413 for a period of five years from the contract effective date of March 8, 2023.

WSTA has the need to purchase five additional trans-aid buses as scheduled replacements for equipment that has exceeded its useful life resulting in regular down time with excessive maintenance and costly repairs.

Committee Action:

Committee	<u>PW-6/11/2024</u>	Action	<u>Approval</u>
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For	<u>Unanimous</u>	Against	<u></u>
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Remarks:

Funds for this purchase have been previously appropriated and are available in the following WSTA capital accounts: 816-816220-5352-627908, 816-816220-5352-627910 and 816-816220-5352-627911. The total purchase price for the five trans-aid buses is expected to be \$1,108,531.25.