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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

March 05, 2019

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

41 March 5, 2019

CELIA ZAVALA
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**TRANSPORTATION CORE SERVICE AREA
AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF THREE CLEAN FUEL-POWERED,
HEAVY-DUTY, LOW-FLOOR BUSES FOR THE WELLNESS CENTER SHUTTLE, ATHENS
SHUTTLE, AND LENNOX SHUTTLE SERVICES
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1 AND 2)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approve the acquisition of three clean fuel-powered, heavy-duty, low-floor transit buses for the Wellness Center Shuttle, Athens Shuttle, and Lennox Shuttle Services allocated at \$550,000 each (\$1,650,000 total) in Public Works' Transit Operations Fund Capital Assets Equipment Appropriation for Fiscal Years 2018-19 and 2019-20.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that this activity is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve the purchase of three clean fuel-powered, heavy-duty, low-floor transit buses as replacement vehicles for the Wellness Center Shuttle, Athens Shuttle, and Lennox Shuttle Services.
3. Authorize the County's purchasing agent to proceed with the acquisition of three clean fuel-powered, heavy-duty, low-floor transit buses.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allow Public Works to comply with the County's Equipment Policy P-2710 requiring the Board's approval prior to the purchasing and/or financing of equipment with a unit cost of \$250,000 or more. Public Works is requesting approval for the County's purchasing agent, Internal Services Department, to purchase three clean fuel-powered, heavy-duty, low-floor transit buses for the Wellness Center Shuttle, Athens Shuttle, and Lennox Shuttle Services at an estimated cost of \$500,000 each. Public Works plans to deploy one bus for each shuttle service. These acquisitions will replace three smaller contractor-owned 25-foot buses and improve service quality of the shuttle services. Currently, the Athens and Lennox Shuttles are at full capacity and the new transit buses will be approximately 30 to 35 feet with a greater capacity of 31 passenger seats or 25 passenger seats when two wheelchair patrons are being transported.

The buses have a useful life of at least 12 years and/or 500,000 miles, which is twice the service life of the current contractor provided vehicles and may lower the operating costs of the shuttle service by 5 percent. The contractor is responsible to maintain the vehicles and have a backup vehicle available if at any time the County vehicle is not available for service.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The County Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Strategy II.3, Make Environmental Sustainability our Daily Reality, Objective II.3.5, Support a Clean, Flexible, and Integrated Multi-Modal Transportation System that Improves Mobility; and Strategy III.3.1 Maximize Revenue.

This procurement enables the County to enhance transit services for the public in a cost-effective manner because it improves air quality by replacing contractor-provided gasoline-powered buses with clean fuel-powered vehicles and provides an increase in the number of passenger seats.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The total cost to purchase the three transit buses is approximately \$1,650,000 of which \$1,031,909 will be offset by grant funds from Metro in their 2013 and 2015 Call for Projects. The necessary funds to cover the remaining \$268,292 in the First Supervisorial District and \$349,799 in the Second Supervisorial District are included in the Proposition A Local Return Transit Operations Fund Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget and will be included in the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget through the annual budget process.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On October 16, 2001, the Board adopted a policy requiring departments to obtain Board approval prior to purchasing and/or financing equipment with a unit cost of \$250,000 or more. This action conforms with and fulfills the Board's policy.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This service is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 2180 (b)(10) of the Public Resources Code. This exemption provides for the implementation and increase of passenger or commuter transit services.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The approval of this request will enable Public Works to provide improved transit services for both staff and visitors of the Wellness Center at the Los Angeles County/University of Southern California Medical Center and to residents in the unincorporated County areas of Athens and Lennox.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Transportation Planning and Programs Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Pestrella". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" and last name "Pestrella" clearly distinguishable.

MARK PESTRELLA
Director

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