

ITEM 11-B
September 6, 2018
PRTC Regular Meeting
Res. No. 18-09-_____

MOTION:

SECOND:

RE: AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE SIX 45-FOOT MCI OMNIRIDE BUSES

ACTION:

WHEREAS, the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission's ("PRTC" or the "Commission") current fleet includes eight 2003 Motor Coach Industries (MCI) bus needed for services that have exceeded their useful life; and

WHEREAS, via the recently executed Roaring Fork Transportation Authority (RFTA) joint procurement, PRTC is now in a position to purchase six 45-foot MCI buses and retire or move the older buses to the contingency fleet; and

WHEREAS, funding is provided via recently awarded Federal Transit Administration funding as well as a local 'soft match' from Vanpool Alliance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission hereby authorizes the Executive Director to purchase six 45-foot MCI buses via the RFTA joint procurement.

Votes:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent from Vote:


Alternate Present Not Voting:


Absent from Meeting:



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TO: Madam Chair Anderson and PRTC Commissioners

FROM: Perrin Palistrant 
Director of Operations and Operations Planning

THROUGH: Robert A. Schneider, PhD 
Executive Director

SUBJECT: Authorization to Purchase Six 45-foot MCI OmniRide Buses

Recommendation:

Authorize the purchase of six 45-foot MCI OmniRide buses.

Background:

The Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission's ("PRTC" or the "Commission") current fleet includes eight 2003 Motor Coach Industries (MCI) buses that have reached the end of their useful life. Obtaining these new buses will allow the agency to run a more reliable service for both our current service and for future expanded services along the I-95/395 during HOT lanes construction as well as for services along the I-66 corridor.

Via the executed Roaring Fork Transportation Authority (RFTA) joint procurement and the Federal Register notice of June 25, 2018 announcing that PRTC was selected to receive \$3.6 million from the Federal Transit Administration's Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Program, PRTC is now in a position to purchase six MCI 45-foot buses and retire the older buses.

The RFTA joint procurement, which the Commission authorized management to pursue in February of 2015, will allow replacement/expansion of up to 87 vehicles through December of 2020. The contract cost per bus is \$579,644, for a total of \$3,477,864. A three percent contingency allowance is recommended to cover unforeseen costs, for a total authorization of \$3,600,000.

Fiscal impact:

Funding for the purchase of six MCI buses is being provided by the \$3.6 million of Section 5339 federal funds which are being matched by local 'soft' match earned by the Vanpool Alliance program (a portion of the depreciation of vans purchased or leased for the vanpool program are allowed to be used as "soft" match for any Section 53 Federal funds).