

MOTION:

SECOND:

**RE: AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE SIX (6) 45-FOOT MCI OMNIRIDE BUSES TO
EXPAND THE COMMUTER BUS SERVICE**

ACTION:

WHEREAS, the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission's ("PRTC" or the "Commission") was recently awarded funding from the I-66 Commuter Choice program to expand the commuter bus; and

WHEREAS, the Commuter Choice program will provide 100 percent of the funding necessary to purchase four (4) commuter buses; and

WHEREAS, two (2) commuter buses will be purchased to replace two (2) 2003 model year commuter buses that have reached the end of their useful life; and

WHEREAS, a federal grant will provide 100 percent of the funding necessary to purchase the two (2) replacement commuter buses; and

WHEREAS, there is no requirement for a local funding match; and

WHEREAS, the six (6) buses will be purchased via the executed Roaring Fork Transportation Authority (RFTA) joint procurement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission does hereby authorize the Executive Director to purchase six (6) 45-foot MCI buses via the RFTA joint procurement.

Votes:

Ayes:

Abstain:

Nays:

Absent from Vote:


Alternate Present Not Voting:


Absent from Meeting:



January 16, 2020

TO: Vice Chair Sebesky and PRTC Commissioners

FROM: Perrin Palistrant 
Director of Operations and Operations Planning

THROUGH: Robert A. Schneider, PhD 
Executive Director

SUBJECT: Authorization to Purchase Six (6) MCI OmniRide Buses to Expand the Commuter Bus Service

Recommendation:

Authorize the purchase of six (6) 45-foot MCI OmniRide buses to expand the commuter bus service.

Background:

On June 19th, 2019 the Virginia Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) approved three (3) projects submitted by PRTC that allowed for new or expanded commuter services along the I-66 corridor. The funding source included provisions to purchase new buses to support the expansion of the commuter bus service. Staff is recommending the purchase of four (4) 45-foot MCI buses to assist with this expansion of service.

In addition, the current fleet includes two (2) 2003 model year MCI buses that have reached the end of their useful life. Purchasing replacement buses will allow the agency to run more reliable service for both our current service and for future expanded services along the I-66 corridor, as well as, along the I-95/395 corridor during the High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes construction.

Once the replacement buses arrive, PRTC will either retire the buses being replaced or replenish the contingency fleet with the overaged buses to allow for immediate expansion, if warranted, until additional buses could be purchased.

If approved, PRTC would purchase the MCI buses using a Roaring Fork Transit Authority joint procurement, which the Commission authorized management to pursue in February 2015. The contract cost per bus is \$627,212 for a total of \$3,763,272.

Fiscal impact:

Four (4) of the MCI buses would be purchased with I-66 Commuter Choice program funding. The remaining two (2) MCI buses, that would replace the overaged buses, would be purchased using federal grant funding. Both funding sources provide 100 percent of the necessary funding.

Federal:	\$1,254,424
State:	\$2,508,848 (I-66 Commuter Choice Program)
Local:	\$0
	Fredericksburg: \$0
	Manassas: \$0
	Manassas Park: \$0
	Prince William: \$0
	Spotsylvania: \$0
	Stafford: \$0
Total:	<hr/> \$3,763,272