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| Committee: Transit Commission | Date: 4/21/2022 |
| Common Council Item Number: ID#22-3970 | Date: 5/3/2022 |
| Submitted By: Alex Damien, Interim Director of Public Works | City Administrator Approval: Kevin Lahner, City Administrator KL |
| Finance Department Review: Denise Vandebush-Kohlman, Interim Finance Director DVK | City Attorney's Office Review: Brian Running, City Attorney |
| Subject: Review and Act on Request to Purchase Replacement Bus Engines from Badger Truck Center, Inc. | |

Details:
This item is to seek the approval to purchase replacement bus engines for four (4) 2015 buses from Badger Truck Center, Inc. as part of the mid-life bus rehab project for the 2015 buses. The mid-life rehab project also includes replacing transmissions and making any other necessary replacements including body work. The replacement of the engines helps to ensure that buses can remain in proper working order for their entire useful life and allows, in most cases, to extend the life of the buses a year or two beyond their useful life. The Mid Life Rehab project was approved in the 2022 CIP budget at \$50,000/bus for total cost of \$200,000 for 2022. Federal funds will pay 80%, \$160,000, of the cost of the rehabs.

Bids were received and the lowest bid was from Badger Truck Center, Inc. at \$31,000.00/engine for a total of \$124,000 for the four engines. The other bid from Gillig was \$65,330.90/engine for a total of \$261,323.60. Bids were sought from several other vendors including past engine bidders but all declined. The winning bid at \$31,000 is a 12.4% increase over the 2021 engine bid price. Despite the large increase in the winning bid, there is less body work needed on these buses so the replacement of the transmissions and other parts should be able to be done within budget.

Options & Alternatives:
There are no viable alternatives.

Financial Remarks:
The low bid was \$31,000.00/engine for a total of \$124,000. Federal funds will pay \$99,200.00 of the purchase (80%) with the remaining \$24,800.00 from 0430-4350-68390. This purchase was approved in the 2022--2026 CIP as part of the bus rehab project.

Executive Recommendation:
Recommend approval.