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Committee: Transit Commission	Date: 4/22/2021
Common Council Item Number: 21-2065	Date: 5/4/2021
Submitted By: Fred Abadi- Public Works	City Administrator Approval: Kevin Lahner, City Administrator Click here to enter text.
Finance Department Review: Bridget Souffrant, Finance Director BS	City Attorney's Office Review: Brian Running, City Attorney BER
Subject: Approval 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. The Mid Life Rehab project was approved in the 2021 CIP budget at \$50,000/bus for total cost of \$200,000 for 2021. 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 \$27,567.00/engine for a total of \$110,268. This price will allow for adequate funds for the other rehab work including the replacement of transmissions and other parts.

Options & Alternatives:
 The only alternative would be to reject all bids and not replace the engines. Transit's past experience with buses not receiving a new engine at mid life has been that the buses could not maintain its standard of performance in the later years of the useful life. This has led to costly unbudgeted repairs and/or the bus only being available for peak only service when it should be able to run all day.

Financial Remarks:
 The low bid was \$27,567.00/engine for a total of \$110,268. Federal funds will pay \$88,214.40 of the purchase (80%) with the remaining \$22,053.60 from 0430-4350-68390. This purchase was approved in the 2021--2025 CIP as part of the bus rehab project.



Executive Recommendation:
Recommend approval.