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Committee: Transit Commission	Date: 2/18/2021
Common Council Item Number: 21-1727	Date: 3/2/2021
Submitted By: Fred Abadi- Public Works	City Administrator Approval: Kevin Lahner, City Administrator KL
Finance Department Review: Bridget Souffrant, Finance Director BS	City Attorney's Office Review: Brian Running, City Attorney BER
Subject: Approval to Purchase Replacement Bus from Gillig, LLC	

Details:
 This item is to seek the approval to purchase a replacement 35-foot bus from Gillig, LLC at \$463,467.89. Transit had estimated a cost of \$475,000.00 so the price received is \$11,532.11 less than the estimate. The new bus would replace the last of the 2008 buses that was authorized for replacement in the 2021-2025 CIP. Federal grants will pay for \$370,774.31 of the purchase (80%) with the remaining \$92,693.58 from the City. The bus would be purchased from the WisDOT Contract which has been used for the past several orders. Ordering the buses now vs. waiting until later 2021 avoids an increase in price as the current WisDOT contract expires in early June and the contract will be re-bid which would likely result in an increase in the price of at least \$10,000.

Delivery of the buses is estimated to occur in Summer of 2022 given the current lead time of 12-14 months from when a purchase order is issued. The 2008 bus set for replacement will be 14 years old by the time of delivery which exceeds its useful life by 2 years. Our experience is it is best to replace buses at or before 14 years as we have experienced major issues/major parts replacements in years 14 or beyond.

The new buses are clean diesel buses and have very low emissions. In addition, the fuel economy of the replacement vehicles is about 20% more efficient than the buses they are replacing which equates to a minimum of \$2,000 in fuel savings annually per bus given current fuel prices.

Options & Alternatives:
 The only viable alternative would be to purchase a New Flyer bus which we also have in the fleet, however, the New Flyer base price was nearly \$35,000 more than Gillig and we have experienced greater maintenance costs with the New Flyer buses.

Financial Remarks:



Total cost of the purchase of the bus is \$463,467.89. Federal grants will pay for \$370,774.31 of the purchase (80%) with the remaining \$92,693.58 from 0430-4350-68390. This purchase was approved in the 2021--2025 CIP.

Executive Recommendation:

Recommend approval.