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Finance Department Review: Rich Abbott, Finance Director RA	City Attorney's Office Review: Brian Running, City Attorney BER
Subject: Approval to Decommission Remaining 2007 Paratransit Buses	

Details:

This item is to seek the approval to decommission the remaining three (3) 2007 Bluebird Buses used to operate Metrolift, the City's Paratransit service. In the approved 2019-2013 CIP, Transit was approved to purchase and have delivered a replacement paratransit van in 2019 and was pre-authorized to purchase four paratransit buses with delivery in 2020. The Bluebird buses are 11 years old and has exceeded its federal useful life standard by one year. It is unknown how much longer any of these buses can operate but there are potential significant issues with each of them that could result in needing to decommission each of them. These buses are the larger Metrolift that have half the fuel economy of the smaller Metrolift buses. In addition, the Bluebird buses are cumbersome to use due to their size and location/type of wheelchair lift. Another major issue is that parts needed for these buses are not readily available as Bluebird stop making transit buses several years ago. If the decommissioning is approved, Transit will utilized these buses until they are no feasible to operate and/or the replacement buses arrive. Transit would attempt to find a buyer for these buses or scrap it.

The remaining three (3) smaller 2011 Arboc paratransit buses are still running fairly well with some occasional issues and are expected to handle the majority of trips until the replacement paratransit buses arrive in 2020.

Options & Alternatives:

No viable alternative. The proposed plan is to operate these buses until they are no longer viable to use or the replacement buses are ready for service.

Financial Remarks:

These buses will be sold or scrapped and Transit would likely receive between \$1,500 and \$2,000/each which helps to offset City levy to operate the system. There is also considerable fuel savings to decommission these buses as the new bus and van will be at least two times more fuel efficient.



Executive Recommendation:
Recommend approval.