



City of Emeryville

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 19, 2021

TO: Christine Daniel, City Manager

FROM: Pedro Jimenez, Community Services Director

SUBJECT: Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Emeryville Rejecting All Bids For The Purchase And Delivery Of A 22-26 Passenger Wheelchair Accessible Bus

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the above-entitled Resolution.

BACKGROUND

The Emeryville Senior Center boasts one of the most comprehensive day-trip programs of any Senior Center in the Bay Area and beyond. The Center hosts anywhere from 10-15 trips per month, with activities including local and regional festivals, museums, events, restaurants, wineries, and other attractions. Destinations are as far south as Carmel, as far North as the Wine Country, and as far east as Sacramento. Trips are staffed by bus drivers who have been hired specifically for Senior Center trips. The current bus accommodates 22 passengers and is wheelchair accessible. Affectionately named "Go Van Go," the bus was purchased in 2008 and is nearing the end of its useful life.

On September 17, 2019, the City Council approved an Alameda CTC grant agreement for the purchase a new bus. Staff planned to purchase a bus of similar capacity as the current bus. Due to the pandemic, the purchase was delayed. The grant required delivery of the bus by December 31, 2021.

DISCUSSION

A request for bids was advertised in the Oakland Tribune and on the City's website for vendors to provide the type of vehicle specified. Only one quote was received, from Creative Bus Sales, and unfortunately, they were not able to deliver the bus in time to meet the bid-specified delivery date of December 31, 2021. Staff was informed that a computer chip shortage has caused major delays in delivery times. Since there is a chip shortage for vehicles, staff has asked ACTC for an amendment to extend the agreement until December 2022. Staff will go out to bid again once the amended agreement is executed. The eventual purchase will require additional action by the City Council at that time. If the Council approves this item, staff will notify the one bidder of the City's intentions so they can resubmit their bid if still interested.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no change to the Fiscal impact.

The total purchase amount is \$150,000. Of this, a maximum of \$132,000 will come from this agreement. The remaining \$18,000 will come from ACTC DLD funds.

STAFF COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

There was no staff communication with the public as of the publication of this report.

PREPARED BY: Kim Burrowes, Recreation Supervisor

APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE:



Christine Daniel, City Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

- Draft Resolution