



Agenda Item # _____

Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Aldinger and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Geoff Dolan, City Manager

FROM: Richard Gill, Parks & Recreation Director
Bruce Moe, Finance Director
Gwen Eng, General Services Manager

DATE: February 19, 2008

SUBJECT: Consideration of Appropriation of \$100,637.51 from Proposition A Local Transportation Funds for the Purchase of an Unbudgeted Compressed Natural Gas Dial-A-Ride Bus from A-Z Bus Sales

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council appropriate \$100,637.51 from Proposition A Local Transportation Funds and award RFB #723-08 to A-Z Bus Sales for the purchase of a Compressed Natural Gas Dial-A-Ride bus in the amount of \$100,637.51.

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

The replacement of the existing bus was not provided for in the current budget. Because the existing vehicle is out of service and unlikely to be returned due to the costly repairs and diesel particulate trap emissions retrofit requirement, staff is recommending that funds be appropriated so that a replacement unit can be purchased now.

Funds are available in Proposition A Local Transportation Funds to purchase and equip the requested Dial-A-Ride bus. These funds are restricted in use to transportation related purposes and support the City's Dial-A-Ride program. In addition, this cost will be offset by a reimbursement of \$41,250 from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority grant funds.

BACKGROUND:

The City maintains a fleet of three Dial-A-Ride buses and one van. Three units are typically in operation during peak periods. If one of the buses is in for scheduled maintenance, or for unscheduled repairs, service may be affected. This vehicle will replace one of the three buses and is the only 20-passenger bus in the fleet.

The requested bus is classified as a paratransit vehicle which was selected to ensure the best solution for our needs. The following selection criteria was used:

- A tight turning radius to negotiate our narrow streets

- The angle of approach and departure is critical for a vehicle to clear our hilly topography without damage to the vehicle's tail
- An effective passenger layout that maximizes seating access and legroom for passengers
- Based on the maximum number of passengers typically on the bus at one given time, a 20-passenger capacity with wheelchair lift is desired
- Local, reliable service facilities for repairs and warranty work
- Powered by alternative fuel

DISCUSSION:

Staff sent bid requests to a total of five vendors, and three responses were received. The comparison below shows total price (including sales tax, graphics, discounts, and other fees).

Bid Recaps

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
1. A-Z Bus Sales	\$100,637.51
2. Creative Bus	\$104,190.72
3. Supreme	\$147,958.31

Based on that information, staff recommends award based on the lowest bid to A-Z Bus Sales in the amount of \$100,637.51. If this purchase is approved, the existing unit will be surplus and auctioned for the highest attainable value. The new vehicle will arrive in approximately 180 days.