

Concord Kannapolis Area Transit Commission

May 9th, 2023 - 8:30AM

Rider Transit Center

45 Transit Court NW, Concord, NC

Agenda (Ad Hoc)

1) Call to Order & Quorum

Chairman Dusch

- Quorum & Introduction of Guests Changes or Additions to Agenda
- Public Comments from the Floor 3 minutes per speaker

2) Ad Hoc Meeting Minutes

Rider Staff

3) ADA-Accessible Ford Transit Van Purchase

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Information: Significant supply chain challenges for public transit systems across the United States exist, particularly limiting the availability of new vehicles for purchase in the van and LTV categories. The Community Transportation Association of America estimates that nationwide, more than 25,000 vehicles of this type are well past their useful life and overdue for replacement, with that number increasing constantly. The estimate for normalization of the small transit vehicle supply is currently five to seven years. The three Ford Transit vans Rider Transit currently utilizes are well past their useful life, a burden for maintenance and operations staff, and are eligible for replacement. With the continued growth of Rider Transit's ADA Paratransit program and the maintenance challenges with two other LTV Paratransit vehicles that are not quite ready for replacement, staff is requesting approval for the purchase of one new van in addition to the three replacements, to ensure a safe, reliable, and fully-functional vehicle fleet for service delivery to our passengers.

Recently, Rider staff was made aware of the availability of 100 ADA-accessible, lift-equipped Ford Transit vehicles that can be purchased utilizing the State of Oklahoma transit vehicle contract. They've been built and delivered to Creative Bus Sales, and are awaiting purchase on a first come, first served basis.

Per vehicle cost is not to exceed \$91,550. FTA grant funding in the amount of \$311,270 has been secured in a project fund for these four vehicles and would cover 85% of the cost. The remaining 15% (\$54,930) would be split 50/50 between Concord and Kannapolis at \$27,465 each.

Recommendation/Action: Recommend approval for purchase from Creative Bus Sales of three replacement and one new ADA-accessible Ford Transit Lift-Equipped Vans for the Rider Transit ADA Paratransit program with a not-to-exceed cost per vehicle of \$91,550/van.

4) Other Business

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- Other Business
- Next Meeting Tuesday, June 20th, 2023 @ 8:30am at the Rider Transit Center