



Community Development Department

DATE: March 16, 2021
FROM: Ben Ehreth, Community Development Director
ITEM: Bis-Man Transit Cutaway Bus Purchase

REQUEST

The Bismarck-Mandan Metropolitan Planning Organization, on behalf of Bis-Man Transit, requests approval to purchase one (1) Flex Cutaway vehicle to replace a paratransit bus that has exceeded its useful life.

Please place this item on the March 23, 2021 City Commission meeting agenda.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Bis-Man Transit was awarded FY20 5339 funding to purchase one 30' fixed route bus. These funds were reallocated to pay for fixed route vehicle engine/transmission repairs, the purchase of a service truck, and the purchase of a cutaway bus equipped with fixed route equipment.

The purchased vehicle would replace one paratransit cutaway bus, fleet number 53, that has exceeded its useful life of 5 years or 150,000 miles as defined by FTA (Federal Transit Administration). The purchased vehicle would be equipped with all technology and equipment to operate on the fixed route, as well as paratransit. The equipment item descriptions and cost detail are attached.

The cutaway bus, purchased from Harlows, will cost \$94,632 including the additional equipment as provided on the attached cost detail. The federal portion of this purchase, funded at 80%, will be \$75,705.60 while the local match portion is \$18,926.40. Bis-Man Transit will provide 100% of the local match and the vehicle will be titled to the City.

The Bis-Man Transit Board, at its meeting February 25, 2021, voted to recommend approval of the purchase of the Flex Cutaway Bus.

RECOMMENDED CITY COMMISSION ACTION

Recommend the Bismarck Board of City Commissioners approve the request by Bis-Man Transit to purchase one (1) Flex Cutaway Bus.

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February 25, 2021

TO: Bismarck City Commission

FROM: Deidre Hughes, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Flex Cutaway Bus Purchase

RECOMMENDATION: The Bis-Man Transit Board is recommending approval of the purchase of one cutaway bus to replace a paratransit bus that has exceeded useful life of 5 years or 150,000 miles.

BACKGROUND: Bis-Man Transit received 5339 funding to purchase one 30 fixed route bus. These funds were reallocated to pay for fixed route engine/transmission repairs, purchase of a service truck, and purchase of a cutaway equipped with fixed route equipment.

DISCUSSION: The purchase would replace one cutaway bus, fleet number 53. The vehicle would be equipped with all technology and equipment to operate on the fixed route, as well. Additional items are notated in the chart on the following page.

Bus 53 – 2012 Chevy 4500 Express (258,817 miles) VIN #1GB6G5BG7C1184014

FINACIAL IMPACT: The purchase price of the bus will be \$94,632.00 from Harlows. The federal portion of this purchase at the 80% split is \$75,705.60. The local portion of this purchase is \$18,926.40. This purchase was budgeted within the approved Bis-Man Transit 2021 Budget.

Cutaway Flex Bus Harlow Cost Break Down (STATE BID)

| Feature | Cost |
|--|--------------|
| Base Price | \$ 81,574.00 |
| Stop Request | \$ 860.00 |
| Farebox Pre-Wire | \$ 260.00 |
| (4) Seat Belt Extender | \$ 148.00 |
| Bike Rack | \$ 2,335.00 |
| Driver's Seat Belt Extender | \$ 55.00 |
| (2) Spare Keys | \$ 75.00 |
| Destination Signs | \$ 5,600.00 |
| REI Storage Upgrade (security cameras) | \$ 650.00 |
| Wireless Antenna (download security camera footage) | \$ 425.00 |
| Upgrade Driver's Seat | \$ 2,650.00 |
| | \$ 94,632.00 |
| Federal | \$ 75,705.60 |
| Local | \$ 18,926.40 |