

BOARD ACTION ITEM

Item Number: BA2023-36

Meeting Date: June 20, 2023

Item Title: High-Intensity Bus Corridor Vehicles

BACKGROUND

Trinity Metro in partnership with the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), has partnered to provide an innovative concept in providing a guaranteed transit experience from East Fort Worth to the Alliance Innovation Zone. Trinity Metro will provide the service using Battery Electric Coach Buses that begin and end their journey at a Mobility Hub located in either East Fort Worth or the Alliance area, with one stop planned at Fort Worth Central Station. This service will provide 15-minute headways with a guaranteed arrival time at Mobility Hubs; otherwise, the customer's ride is free. The bus will provide, comfortable coach bus seating, low floor entry, meeting ADA needs and WIFI-enabled buses with a first mile last mile connection to each Mobility Hub. The Trinity Metro service will bring a quality guaranteed ride to those living in East Fort Worth to the many jobs in the Alliance area with a connection that will be seamless and provided seven days per week. The return trip will allow those customers living in Denton County or North Fort Worth the ability to enjoy the same ride downtown to connect to their jobs or entertainment in the same seamless fashion.

The pilot was a concept that was jointly agreed upon by Trinity Metro and NCTCOG so that our agency could move people from both communities to jobs guaranteeing the ride by using the Managed Lanes located on I-35 W. The concept wasn't simply to create a park and ride but to create a new experience that allows for a comfortable ride, the ability to work while using the WIFI on the bus, and guarantees the experience by meeting the on-time arrival posted on the service schedule.

Trinity Metro issued RFP 23-T007 on January 11, 2023, for the purchase of these vehicles and two proposals were submitted. Responding companies included:

- RIDE Coach & Bus, a d/b/a of BYD Coach & Bus LLC; and
- Motor Coach Industries, Inc.

The evaluation team reviewed and evaluated the Request for Proposals. As a result of the evaluations, Motor Coach Industries, Inc. was selected as the highest-ranked responsive and responsible proposer for entering into a contract award.

PROCUREMENT

The Trinity Metro Procurement Department has followed procurement policy with this request for proposal and complies with all applicable Federal, State, and Trinity Metro procurement requirements.

FINANCING

Funding for this project is in Trinity Metro's FY2023 Capital budget.

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RECOMMENDATION

The Trinity Metro Board of Directors authorizes the President & Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract with Motor Coach Industries, Inc. for the purchase of the vehicles. The proposed agreement cost is \$16,549,353.00 with a 15% contingency of \$2,482,402.95 for a total not to exceed amount of \$19,031,755.95.

STAFF DISPOSITION

Wayne Gensler June 6, 2023
EXECUTIVE LEADER APPROVAL DATE

DISPOSITION BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

 6/20/23
SECRETARY APPROVAL DATE