

BOARD ACTION ITEM

Item Number: BA2023-32

Meeting Date: May 15, 2023

Item Title: Bus Passenger Seat Re-upholstery

BACKGROUND

Trinity Metro is focused on improving the customer experience through a wide range of initiatives. The goal is to make public transportation in Tarrant County the safest, cleanest, most reliable and most efficient transportation option.

The quality of the onboard experience is a key factor in attracting and retaining riders. In 2021, customers traveled 15,208,346 miles on Trinity Metro buses, spending millions of hours in seats. Trinity Metro staff work diligently to clean and maintain the fleet which includes a daily scrub down of the vehicle interior. Their efforts are sometimes made more challenging due to the use of fabrics which do not always hold up to the rigors of everyday transit use.

In order to improve the onboard experience, approximately 5,800 seats in the fleet will receive new padding and upholstery. The fabric is a vegan (synthetic, animal-friendly) leather that will resist water. Additional padding will be installed to improve comfort. The new seat design will make the job of cleaning the seats more efficient. Also, the vegan leather will make it more apparent when a seat requires cleaning. Finally, the seat replacement program will retire outdated "The T" branded fabrics with neutral non-branded material consistent with the agency's color palate.

PROCUREMENT

Trinity Metro issued IFB-23-T014 on January 30, 2023, for the materials, assembly and installation of new seats on the fleet of buses. The Trinity Metro Procurement Department followed its procurement policy with this request for proposal and has complied with applicable state and federal requirements.

FINANCING

Funding for this project is in Trinity Metro's FY2023 Capital budget, previously approved by the Trinity Metro Board of Directors at its September 2022 Board Meeting.

DBE UTILIZATION

A DBE Goal of 5% was established for this solicitation. Sardo Bus & Coach Upholstery is committed to meet or exceed the established DBE Goal for this contract.

RECOMMENDATION

The Trinity Metro Board of Directors authorizes the President & Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract with Sardo Bus & Coach Upholstery to purchase, assemble and install new bus seats at a cost of \$611,765.00 with a contingency of 5 percent (\$30,588.25) for a total amount not to exceed \$642,353.25.

STAFF DISPOSITION

Wayne Gensler

April 27, 2023

EXECUTIVE LEADER APPROVAL

DATE

DISPOSITION BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECRETARY APPROVAL

DATE