

To: O & S Committee

Date: November 27, 2012

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Reviewed By:

SUBJECT: Multi-Year Vehicle Procurement

SUMMARY OF ISSUES:

The CCCTA follows the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) guidelines regarding the procurement procedures for the purchase of new vehicles. In recent years, the FTA has nurtured the concept of multi-year bus procurement awards to reduce the administrative costs and delays involved in the single year procurement process. CCCTA has successfully undertaken and awarded a single multi-year procurement contract for transit vehicles from a single manufacturer in multiple configurations.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The CCCTA staff believes it to be in the best interest of the CCCTA to publish, negotiate, and award a multi-year, multi-configuration Request for Proposal for the purchase of the Authority's planned bus purchases over the next 5-year period including options for expansion vehicles if they are needed and funds become available.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The cost of producing, advertising and awarding a single multi-year, multi-configuration Request for Proposal would be no greater than a normal bid solicitation. The Authority would enjoy savings over the multi-year period by virtue of not needing to produce, advertise and award additional Request for Proposals saving in legal fees, advertising fees and staff time.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Direct staff to develop and award a multi-year Request for Proposal.

ATTACHMENTS:

CHANGES FROM COMMITTEE:

ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION: