

## INTER OFFICE MEMO

**To:** Operations & Scheduling Committee

**Date:** 04/21/2022

**From:** J. Scott Mitchell, Chief Operating Officer

**Reviewed by:** *W.C.*

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**SUBJECT: Purchase of 40 (Forty) 40' Buses**

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### Background:

County Connection needs to replace forty (40), 40' fixed route vehicles purchased in 2009. The Authority is eligible to receive federal funds for vehicle replacement projects at an 80/20 (federal/local) split. The vehicle replacement project is in County Connection's Capital Replacement Plan and has been approved by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). Additionally, this procurement complies with the Board adopted Innovative Clean Transit (ICT) Rollout Plan approved in April 2022.

### Vehicle Purchase:

Staff recommends purchasing forty (40) Gillig clean diesel buses using the Washington State Cooperative Purchasing Contract No. 06719. Using the existing cooperative agreement will expedite delivery, defray the costs of attorney fees, advertising costs, and staff time associated with going out to bid.

### Financial Implications:

Federal funds have been approved for the replacement of forty (40), 40' fixed route vehicles. The federal grant will cover 80% of the cost with a 20% local match required. County Connection will utilize Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds to cover the local match.

Federal 5307	\$18,048,000
Local Match TDA	<u>\$ 4,512,000</u>
	\$22,560,000

### Recommendations:

Staff recommends that the O&S Committee approve the vehicle replacement purchase of forty (40), 40' clean diesel vehicles, which is consistent with the April 2022 Board approved ICT Rollout Plan

### Action Requested:

Staff requests that the O&S Committee forward the staff recommendation to the Board for approval at its May 19, 2022. A resolution authorizing the General Manager to full the vehicle replacement order will be available at the May 2022 Board meeting.