



Legislation Text

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Purchase of Zero-Emission Battery Electric Buses and ChargePoint Charging Equipment (B)

Regional Transit System (RTS) submitted a grant application to the Federal Transit Administration's Low or No Emission Vehicle Grant Program after obtaining City Commission approval on June 15, 2017. In submitting for various grants, applicants are permitted to form public-private partnerships. RTS chose to partner with the Center for Transportation and the Environment, Inc. (CTE) because they have been successful in helping other applicants obtain grant awards. As the RTS fleet solely consist of Gillig buses, RTS elected to partner with Gillig as the manufacturer of the electric bus to maintain fleet uniformity. On September 16, 2017, the project selections were announced by the FTA and RTS was awarded \$1,000,000 to purchase a Gillig 40' battery electric bus and charging depot. RTS also reserved its FY 17 UAFG in the amount of \$1,000,000 for bus replacement that will used to expand this project to a total of two (2) buses.

Both CTE and Gillig were named in the grant application, as required by FTA. The Federal Register announcement, April 27, 2017, page 19448, second column, second paragraph under C.1. states that "If an application that involves such a partnership is selected for funding, the competitive selection process will be deemed to satisfy the requirement for a competitive procurement under 49 U.S.C. 5324(a) for the named entities." There are no proposed changes to the partnership. Therefore, the use of CTE and Gillig are done as a specified source due to the aforementioned grant application and award.

Funds in the amount of \$2,185,531 have been provided by the federal grants and local capital for this project and are available in the RTS budget.

The City Commission authorize the City Manager or his authorized designee to execute a contract and any necessary associated documents with Gillig LLC for the purchase of Zero-Emission Battery Electric Buses and ChargePoint Charging Equipment, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.