MEMORANDUM

To: TARC Board of Directors

From: Ozzy Gibson, Interim Executive Director

Date: March 27, 2024

Re: Resolution 2024-12 Purchase of Paratransit Vehicles (RFP 20241868)

TARC has a pressing need to replace cutaway buses in our paratransit fleet that have far exceeded their useful lives. Supply chain issues that began two years ago have caused significant delays and cost increases for new ADA cutaway buses for paratransit services. Those delays have recently begun to subside, and TARC has identified an existing FTA compliant vehicle contract procured by the State of Georgia that is available for use and offers a range of vehicle types and options.

This resolution requests approval to purchase up to twenty (20) new 2024 StarTrans Senator II model wheel-chair accessible vehicles from Model1 Commercial Vehicles, currently estimated at $137,672 each. The total amount for this purchase will not exceed the $2,479,838 programmed in grant funds.

On March 12th, the TARC Accessibility Advisory Council (TAAC) was consulted regarding the characteristics of the proposed vehicle specification and endorsed it with two suggestions for equipment considerations.

These buses are available for delivery within six months, and they represent a significant improvement for our paratransit fleet and service. The buses will be purchased through the State of Georgia's vehicle contract 99999-SPD0000212 Public Mass Transit Vehicles and Related Options, Equipment, and Accessories.

With your approval, TARC will acquire these buses using funds from four grants, including FFY 2019, 2021, and 2023 5307 and 5339 Formula funds, as well as FFY 2022 Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds. Each of these grants requires a local match of 20%, which will come from the Mass Transit Trust Fund. The combined amount available from the four grants is $2,479,838. Two of these grants are in the approval process of FTA's award management system, so the order will be placed when the grants are fully executed.

At this time, I am requesting Board authority to place an order for up to twenty (20) new 2024 StarTrans Senator II model wheel-chair accessible vehicles from Model1 Commercial Vehicles through the State of Georgia's solicitation #99999-SPD0000212 for a not to exceed amount of $2,479,838.

Please call me at 561-5100 if you have any questions. Thank you.

RESOLUTION 2024-12
Purchase of Paratransit Vehicles

A Resolution authorizing the Interim Executive Director to purchase up to twenty (20) new 2024 StarTrans Senator II model wheel-chair accessible vehicles from Model1 Commercial Vehicles through the State of Georgia's solicitation #99999-SPD0000212 for a not to exceed amount of $2,479,838:

WHEREAS, TARC has a significant need to replace cutaway buses in its paratransit fleet that have far exceeded their useful lives; and

WHEREAS, funds are available from TARC's FFY 2019, 2021, and 2023 Formula grants, as well as an FFY 2022 Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) grant; and

WHEREAS, funds for the required local match are available in the Mass Transit Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, TARC will combine all of those available funds to purchase up to twenty (20) 2024 StarTrans Senator II model wheel-chair accessible vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the vehicles are available for purchase from Model1 Commercial Sales through an FTA compliant vehicle contract (Solicitation #99999-SPD0000212) procured by the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, TARC is eligible to purchase vehicles from that contract upon request; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Transit Authority of River City that:

The Interim Executive Director is hereby authorized to purchase up to twenty (20) new 2024 StarTrans Senator II model wheel-chair accessible vehicles from Model1 Commercial Vehicles through the State of Georgia's solicitation #99999-SPD0000212 for a not to exceed amount of $2,479,838.

ADOPTED THIS 27th DAY OF MARCH 2024

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Ted Smith, Chair of the Board of Directors