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SPECIAL  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2013  
Closed Session: None  
General Session: 2:00 – 3:00 P.M.  
ACCESS SERVICES HEADQUARTERS  
Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
3449 Santa Anita Avenue  
El Monte CA 91731

## *MISSION STATEMENT*

*Access Services promotes access to all modes of transportation and provides quality and safe ADA paratransit service on behalf of public transit agencies in Los Angeles County.*

Foothill Transit  
100 South Vincent Ave., Suite 200  
West Covina, CA 91790

Disabled Resources Center  
2750 Spring Street, Suite 100  
Long Beach, CA 90806

Torrance Transit  
20500 Madrona Avenue  
Torrance, CA 90503

910 Alegre Place  
Los Angeles, CA 90065

Culver City Bus  
4343 Duquesne Avenue  
Culver City, CA 90232

Los Angeles County Commission on  
Disability  
3650 Fairland Boulevard  
Los Angeles, CA 90043

Palos Verdes Peninsula Transit  
Authority  
38 Crest Road West  
Rolling Hills, CA 90274

Los Angeles County Independent  
Living Centers  
107 Spring Street  
Claremont, CA 91711

Los Angeles County Metropolitan  
 Transportation Authority (Metro)  
 One Gateway Plaza  
 Mail Stop 99-21-5  
 Los Angeles, CA 90012

	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
1. CALL TO ORDER	ACTION
2. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT	INFORMATION
3. APPROVAL TO PURCHASE 11 CNG MV1 VEHICLES (page 4)  [Staff's Recommendation: Approve the purchase of 11 CNG MV1 Vehicles from Creative Bus at a cost not to exceed \$520,000]	ACTION [Vote Required: majority of quorum by roll call]
4. ADJOURNMENT	ACTION

Access Services does not discriminate on the basis of disability. Accordingly, Access Services seeks to ensure that individuals with disabilities will have an equal opportunity to participate in the range of Access Services events and programs by providing appropriate auxiliary aids and services to facilitate communication. In determining the type of auxiliary aids and services for communication that will be provided, primary consideration is given to the request of the individual with disabilities. However, the final decision belongs to Access Services. To help ensure availability of those auxiliary aids and services you require, please make every effort to notify Access Services of your request at least three (3) business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting in which you wish to utilize those aids or services. You may do so by contacting (213) 270-6000.

Note: Access Services board meetings are held pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act [Cal. Gov. Code §54950] and are open to the public. The public may view and obtain all written information supporting this agenda provided to the board both initially and supplementally prior to the meeting at the agency's offices located at 3449 Santa Anita Avenue, El Monte California and on its website at <http://accessla.org>. Documents, including Power Point handouts distributed to Board Members by staff or Board members at the meeting will simultaneously be made available to the public. Three opportunities are available for the public to address the board during a board meeting: (1) before closed session regarding matters to be discussed in closed session, (2) before a specific agenda item is debated and voted upon regarding that item and (3) general public comment. The exercise of the right to address the board is subject to restriction as to time and appropriate decorum. All persons wishing to make public comment must fill out a yellow Public Comment Form and submit it to the Secretary to the Board. Public comment is generally limited to three (3) minutes per speaker and the total time available for public comment may be limited at

the discretion of the Chairperson. Persons whose speech is impaired such that they are unable to address the board at a normal rate of speed may request the accommodation of a limited amount of additional time from the Chair but only by checking the appropriate box on the Public Comment Form. Granting such an accommodation is in the discretion of the Chair.

The Board of Directors will not and cannot respond during the meeting to matters raised under general public comment. Pursuant to provisions of the Brown Act governing these proceedings, no discussion or action may be taken on these matters unless they are listed on the agenda, or unless certain emergency or special circumstances exist. However, the board may direct staff to investigate and/or schedule certain matters for consideration at a future Board of Directors Meeting and the staff will respond to all public comment in writing prior to the next board meeting.

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October 11, 2013

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: RICK STREIFF, MANAGER OF FLEET DESIGN AND MAINTENANCE  
MARK MALONEY, CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER

RE: APPROVAL TO PURCHASE 11 CNG MV1 VEHICLES

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**ISSUE:**

The Chairperson has called a special meeting of the Board of Directors, according to The Access Services Procurement Procedures Manual, in order to procure additional vehicles for paratransit service to meet the higher than expected demand in the Southern Region.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize staff to purchase up to eleven CNG-powered ADA-accessible paratransit vehicles at a cost not to exceed \$520,000 with Creative Bus Sales.

**IMPACT ON BUDGET:**

The funds needed for the purchase of up to eleven vehicles will be from the FY 2013/14 capital budget. Using local Prop C funds, the estimated total expenditure includes applicable sales tax, license and fees.

**ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:**

No alternatives were considered as the vehicles proposed are available immediately and can be placed in service within 10 days versus the 3 month schedule associated with the normal procurement process.

**EFFECT OF APPROVAL OF STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

If this staff recommendation is approved by the board, the staff would be authorized, but not required, to negotiate and enter into a written contract for the purchase of vehicles upon terms and conditions no less favorable to Access Services than those proposed above. Access Services would not be legally bound to the vehicle purchase contract unless such contract is incorporated into a formal written agreement executed by all parties thereto and approved as to form by this entity's legal counsel.

## BACKGROUND:

The deferment of replacement vehicles and the lack of purchasing expansion vehicles have put our transportation service providers in a difficult situation in trying to manage the ever increasing demand for service. In the Southern Region, demand has grown monthly, on average, 6% greater than projected. This increase in ridership reflects approximately 30,000 trips system wide from one month to the next. The Southern, Eastern, and Northern Regions are reaching maximum capacity and need additional vehicles as soon as possible.

Access staff conducted a nationwide search for available accessible vehicles and found the 11 MV-1's in Dallas, Texas. The vehicles were intended for the DART paratransit fleet but the agency determined that it could not have an entire fleet of MV-1's so they replaced 11 of them with Cutaways. The 11 vehicles available are the vehicles that were replaced. At the Board meeting in October 2013, staff will be requesting authorization to purchase additional vehicles from other parts of the country that we are in the process of negotiating.

If Access does not continue with the replacement of equipment with over 300,000 miles and if expansion vehicles are not added to the fleet, Access takes the risk of violating the ADA regulations by having capacity constraints within the system. The FY 2013/14 budget includes adequate replacement vehicles and allows for the addition of some expansion vehicles.

The MV-1, with a range of 280 miles, is the first purpose-built ADA-accessible vehicle with a CNG power option. It was designed in Michigan and built at a South Bend, Indiana assembly plant by AM General, the current builder of the Hummer H1. The MV-1 can seat three ambulatory passengers and one passenger using a mobility device. The Vehicle Production Group Compressed Natural Gas MV-1 accessible vehicle is currently priced at \$56,026 per unit.