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Consent Item

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** August 1, 2019

**TO:** El Dorado County Transit Authority

**FROM:** Brian James, Planning and Marketing Manager

**SUBJECT:** Vehicle Replacement Capital Improvement Plan Project

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

**BY MOTION,**

**Adopt Capital Improvement Plan Project 20-05 for Vehicle Replacement**

**BACKGROUND**

The El Dorado County Transit Authority (El Dorado Transit) operates two (2) 2006 Bluebird Xcel 37 buses for local fixed route services that are eligible for replacement. Bluebird is no longer manufacturing the Xcel buses and no longer supports the buses that are currently used.

**DISCUSSION**

Sacramento Regional Transit (RT) has applied for a competitive Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant for improvements to the light rail system in Folsom. El Dorado Transit was invited by RT staff to participate in the grant application in order to purchase two (2) replacement buses for local fixed and intercity route service.

The BUILD Grant program enables the Federal Department of Transportation (DOT) to award funding for multi-modal, multi-jurisdictional projects that are more difficult to support through traditional DOT programs. The BUILD program enables DOT to use a rigorous merit-based process to select projects with exceptional benefits, explore ways to deliver projects faster and save on construction costs, and make needed investments in our Nation's infrastructure. If the BUILD Grant is not awarded, El Dorado Transit staff will pursue other grant opportunities to purchase the two replacement vehicles.

If approved, the following project 20-05 (Attachment A) to purchase two (2) new low floor fixed route buses will be added to the Capital Improvement Plan.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

*COST SUMMARY (ESTIMATE)*

Proposed Budget

Two (2) Buses	\$ 980,000
Contingency 10%	<u>\$ 98,000</u>
<i>Total Project Cost</i>	<i>\$1,078,000</i>

*FUNDING SOURCES*

FTA BUILD Grant	\$1,000,000
State Transit Assistance	<u>\$ 78,000</u>
<i>Total Revenue</i>	<i>\$1,078,000</i>

**Vehicle Replacement – Local Fixed Route**

Project No. 20-05

This project will replace two (2) current Blue Bird buses with two (2) low floor fixed route buses.

This project replaces:

EDCTA #	Vehicle Type	Mileage 06/21/2019
0606	2006 BlueBird Xcel 37	253,354
0607	2006 BlueBird Xcel 37	323,197

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