



Purchase of Battery Electric Buses



July 8, 2026

Contract Goals

To replace the District subfleets of 25 model year 2013 Gillig diesel hybrid buses exceeded their 12-year useful lives.

To maintain a state of good repair for the District's rolling stock, these buses must be replaced in accordance with Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) requirements.

Cooperative Purchasing Process

- The District may utilize cooperative purchasing contracts for procurement of goods and services
- California Association for Coordinated Transportation /Morongo Basin Transit Authority competitively solicited for contract No. 23-01 for Heavy Duty Vehicles
- Staff and Legal Counsel determined that the solicitation process done by the CALACT/Basin Transit meets the District's competitive requirements.

Vetting Process

Organization	Supplier	Contract Number	Base Vehicle Type	Price
CALACT/Basin Transit	Gillig, LLC	#23-01 GILLIG	40' Battery Electric Bus	\$1,023,535
CALACT/Basin Transit	New Flyer	#23-01 NEW FLYER	40' Battery Electric Bus	\$1,108,900
Washington DES	Gillig, LLC	#04824-01	40' Battery Electric Bus	\$1,175,395

Budget Impact

- Staff conducted a price analysis and determine that Gillig's prices under the CALACT/Basin Transit Contract are fair and reasonable
- There is sufficient funding to support this proposed contract for the initial purchase of the 25 battery electric buses, as the Board approved a total Project budget of \$62,190,281 in FY 2025
- If needed, staff will return to the Board for additional budget authority prior to exercising the contract contingency

Proposed Motion

1. **Award a contract to Gillig, LLC for the purchase and delivery of 25 model year 2027 40-foot Gillig battery electric buses for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$39,580,500, with an option to purchase and deliver up to 37 additional new Gillig buses for an estimated amount of \$68,336,413.**
2. **Authorize the General Manager/CEO or designee to execute a contract with Gillig in full conformity with the terms and conditions of the California Association for Coordinated Transportation/Morongo Basin Transit Authority (Basin Transit) competitively solicited cooperative purchasing contract No. 23-01 for Heavy Duty Vehicles, and in a form approved by legal counsel.**
3. **Authorize the General Manager/CEO or designee to dispose of up to 25 buses in accordance with the District's Procurement Policy, once the new buses are delivered and placed in service.**



Thank You

