

# MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

County of Placer

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: APRIL 15, 2008

FROM: KEN GREHM / WILL GARNER *KG* *WG*

SUBJECT: DIAL-A-RIDE BUS PURCHASE WITH PROPOSITION 1B FUNDS

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## ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION

- 1) Approve a budget revision in the amount of \$390,000 for Placer County Transit and add six (6) dial-a-ride buses to the master fixed asset list.
- 2) Request Authorization for Purchasing Manager to issue a purchase order for six (6) dial-a-ride buses off of the State Contract and to execute all contracts in an amount not to exceed \$390,000.

## BACKGROUND / SUMMARY

In January of this year, the Board approved a project list for Proposition 1B transit funding that included \$390,000 for six dial-a-ride buses. DPW applied for these funds and was awarded the grant. The purpose of these buses is to replace buses that are supplied by PRIDE Industries under two separate contracts for the Highway 49 Dial-A-Ride in the Auburn area and the South Placer Dial-A-Ride in Rocklin, Loomis, Granite Bay and Penryn areas. Service will continue with the contractor's buses until the new buses are delivered.

DPW intends to put the dial-a-ride services into a single contract and put them out to bid in the upcoming months. Not all prospective dial-a-ride contractors have vehicles available for the service, so we believe we can receive more competitive proposals with lower operating costs if we own the buses and don't require the contractor to supply them. This will also ensure that the County will retain the dial-a-ride fleet if it is necessary to change contractors in the future.

The State of California currently has a contract with Buswest of Carson, CA for the appropriate 18-passenger dial-a-ride buses. The Board approved an order for three of these buses earlier this year for the Placer County Transit fleet. In accordance with the County's Purchasing Policy Manual, the 6 (six) additional buses will be ordered off the current State contract, which expires in June of 2008.

## ENVIRONMENTAL

The bus purchase is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 21080(b)(10), as they are projects to provide passenger service.

## FISCAL IMPACT

These dial-a-ride buses will be 100% funded with Proposition 1B Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement and Service Enhancement Account (PTMISEA) funds that were awarded to Placer County earlier this year. These buses will replace buses that have been supplied by the dial-a-ride contractor and paid for through the operating charges. Ownership of the buses should result in lower ongoing operating charges in a future dial-a-ride contract.

