

**SOUND TRANSIT
STAFF REPORT**

MOTION NO. M2010-01

ST Express Bus Procurement – ST2 Expansion Service

Meeting:	Date:	Type of Action:	Staff Contact:	Phone:
Finance Committee	1/7/10	Discussion/Possible Action to Recommend Board Approval	Bonnie Todd, Director of Transportation Services;	(206) 398-5367
Board	1/14/10	Action	Michael Perry, Deputy Director of Operations and Maintenance	(206) 398-5388

Contract/Agreement Type:	✓	Requested Action:	✓
Competitive Procurement	✓	Execute New Contract/Agreement	✓
Sole Source		Amend Existing Contract/Agreement	
Agreement with Other Jurisdiction(s)		Budget Amendment	
Real Estate		Property Acquisition	

PROJECT NAME

ST Express Fleet Program

PROPOSED ACTION

Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute a contract with New Flyer Corporation for the purchase of 24 New Flyer 60-foot high capacity buses in the amount of \$22,277,786, with a 5% contingency of \$1,113,889 for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$23,391,675.

KEY FEATURES of PROPOSED ACTION

- This procurement will provide thirteen clean-diesel powered buses to be operated by Community Transit and eleven hybrid-electric diesel buses to be operated by King County Metro. The 24 bus procurement will complete the fleet expansion program necessary to implement the ST Express service growth approved by the Board in ST2.
- The procurement of 60-foot high-capacity buses is consistent with the ST Fleet Plan and will provide flexibility for future route assignments. In addition, the procurement of lower emission fuel efficient buses supports the achievement of Sound Transit sustainability goals.
- The procurement will use an existing King County contract containing options that have been successfully transferred to Sound Transit.
- The contingency is requested to support possible short notice governmental, regulatory and unanticipated component part changes.

BUDGET IMPACT SUMMARY

There is no action outside of the Board-adopted budget; there are no contingency funds required, no subarea impacts, or funding required from other parties other than what is already assumed in the financial plan.

BUDGET and FINANCIAL PLAN DISCUSSION

The proposed action would authorize Sound Transit to acquire 24 buses from the New Flyer Corporation for a total cost of \$23,391,675.

The Adopted 2010 Transit Improvement Plan Budget includes a total ST Express Fleet Expansion Program (project #705) lifetime budget of \$42.0 million. Of this amount, \$13.4 million has been spent or committed to date. After this proposed action, there would be a remaining budget of approximately \$5.2 million. This balance would be used to acquire additional spare parts and equipment for the buses and for necessary inspection, testing, acceptance, revenue service preparation and licensing.

BUDGET TABLE

The impact of this action on the Adopted 2010 Transit Improvement Plan would be as follows:

Summary for Board Action (Year of Expenditure \$000)

Project: 705 - ST Express Fleet Expansion Program; procure 24 60 foot coaches from New Flyer, Inc.

	Adopted 2010 Lifetime Budget ¹ (A)	Committed To Date ² (D)	This Action (E)	Total Committed & Action (F)	Uncommitted (Shortfall) (G)
1 Agency Administration	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2 Preliminary Engineering	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3 Final Design	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4 Right of Way	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5 Construction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
6 Vehicles	\$ 42,000	\$ 13,400	\$ 23,392	\$ 36,792	\$ 5,208
7 Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
8 Total Current Budget	\$ 42,000	\$ 13,400	\$ 23,392	\$ 36,792	\$ 5,208

Phase Budget Detail

9 ST2 Fleet Expansion	\$ 42,000	\$ 13,400	\$ 23,392	\$ 36,792	\$ 5,208
10 Misc. Activity	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
11 Total Phase	\$ 42,000	\$ 13,400	\$ 23,392	\$ 36,792	\$ 5,208

Contract Budget	Current Approved Contract Value (H)	Spent to Date (I)	Proposed Action (J)	Proposed Total Contract Value (K)
12 New Flyer	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,278	\$ 22,278
12 Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,114	\$ 1,114
13 Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,392	\$ 23,392
14 Percent Contingency	0%		0%	5%

Notes:

¹ Project budget is located on page 135 of the Proposed 2010 Transit Improvement Plan. The Amended 2010 TIP was adopted by the Board on December 10, 2009.

² Committed to date amount includes actual outlays and commitments through November 30, 2009.

SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION

Prime Consultant/Contractor

As a Transit Vehicle Manufacturer, New Flyer Corporation must submit its own DBE program and goal to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and according to FTA's transit vehicle procurement rules, Transit Vehicle Manufacturers must certify to transit agencies that they have a DBE program in place. New Flyer Corporation has complied with FTA rules for participation with this procurement.

Equal Employment Workforce Profile

The employees of New Flyer Corporation will perform the construction and assembly of the buses. New Flyer Corporation's workforce demographics are 17% women and 13% minorities.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION and BACKGROUND for PROPOSED ACTION

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This project supports Executive Order No. 1, "Establishing A Sustainability Initiative For Sound Transit," by procuring approximately one-half of the vehicles as diesel-electric hybrids thereby reducing our dependency on fossil fuels and by procuring the remainder as clean-diesel buses thereby helping to reduce air pollutants.

PRIOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTIONS ON THIS PROJECT

None

CONSEQUENCES OF DELAY

A delay in the procurement of the buses could result in a delay in the implementation of ST2 service as described in the Service Implementation Plan.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

SSK 11-23-09

LEGAL REVIEW

JW 12-8-09

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Motion:

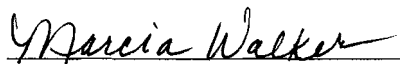
It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the chief executive officer is authorized to execute a contract with New Flyer Corporation for the purchase of 24 New Flyer 60-foot high capacity buses in the amount of \$22,277,786, with a 5% contingency of \$1,113,889 for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$23,391,675.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on January 14, 2010.



Aaron Reardon
Board Chair

ATTEST:


Marcia Walker
Board Administrator