



City of Carson Report to Mayor and City Council

July 19, 2011
New Business Consent

SUBJECT: CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO DISPOSE OF THREE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES DIVISION BUSES THROUGH PUBLIC AUCTION

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Approved by Clifford W. Graves
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I. SUMMARY

The Transportation Services Division (TSD) offers a variety of transit related services to the residents of the city of Carson and the general public. The Bus Operations/Bus Permit section provides bus service to various departments within the City utilizing a city-owned fleet of buses.

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has set guidelines relative to the mileage, longevity and useful life of buses and transit vehicles.

Applying those guidelines in evaluating the aging TSD fleet would require the disposal of three buses within the TSD fleet. Staff is requesting Council approval to dispose of these three buses through public auction.

II. RECOMMENDATION

AUTHORIZE the Purchasing Manager to dispose of the following three Transportation Services Division buses through public auction: Bus #460, Bus #812 and Bus #780.

III. ALTERNATIVES

TAKE another action the City Council deems necessary.

IV. BACKGROUND

The TSD operates the Bus Operations/Bus Permit section utilizing a city-owned fleet of buses and full-time, classified part-time and part-time bus drivers. The Bus Operations/Bus Permit section provides bus service to city departments on a regular basis. The summer months are especially busy with the numerous Parks and Recreation trip requests and the on-going bus permit requests from the Stroke Group, the Special Needs Group and the Senior Recreation's Senior Clubs' requests.

In order to safely and efficiently operate a fleet of buses that serves the general public, consideration for disposal should be given to various vehicles within the aging TSD fleet.

The following matrix outlines the existing TSD fleet of buses:

	<i>Vehicle Make</i>	<i>Vehicle Number</i>	<i>Vehicle Type</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Fuel Type</i>	<i>Passenger Capacity</i>	<i>Mileage</i>
1	El Dorado	1217	Mini-Bus	2009	CNG	30	62,880
2	Thomas	1190	School Bus	2009	CNG	48	8,186
3	Prevost	1032	Recliner	2004	Diesel	56	98,229
4	Thomas	874	School Bus	2000	CNG	60	108,745
5	Ford	792	Mini-Bus	1999	Unleaded	20	143,376
6	Ford	793	Mini-Bus	1999	Unleaded	20	141,888
7	Goshen	753	Mini-Bus	1997	CNG	26	161,999
8	Goshen	754	Mini-Bus	1997	CNG	26	188,245
9	Prevost	460	Recliner	1985	Diesel	46	500,000
10	El Dorado	780	Mini-Bus	1988	Unleaded	20	300,000
11	Ford	812	Mini-Bus	1985	Diesel	20	285,031

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) sets a threshold of 150,000 miles or four years of age, at which buses should be considered for replacement.

Based on the FTA recommended allowance for miles and years for consideration of replacement, staff is recommending disposing of three of the oldest buses within the TSD fleet. The three buses slated for disposal are all well past their useful life as it relates to years and well over their recommended allotment of miles.

Bus #460 (1985 Prevost Recliner) has well over 500,000 miles registered in usage, Bus #780 (1988 Eldorado Mini-bus) has over 300,000 miles registered for usage, and Bus #812 (1985 Ford Mini-bus) has over 285,000 miles registered for usage.

Staff seeks City Council approval to dispose of the three identified TSD buses through public auction.

V. FISCAL IMPACT

NONE.

VI. EXHIBITS

NONE.

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