



Trisha Tillotson
Community Development Agency Director

David Garcia
Director of Public Works

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: October 28, 2025

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: David Garcia, Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the purchase of capital assets of two Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Accessible Class E - 24 Passenger Ford F550 Gasoline Cutaway Buses for use in Nevada County Connects Fixed Route Service in the amount of \$457,568 from Model 1 Commercial Vehicles via CalAct/MBTA Cooperative Agreement No. 20-01 and amending the FY2025/26 Transit Services Budget (4/5 Affirmative Vote Required) - Districts I, II, III, IV

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached resolution.

FUNDING: Funding for the purchase of these capital assets is via California State Transit Assistance (STA) funding and is disbursed through Nevada County Transportation Commission. There is sufficient funding available to the Transit Services for the purchase of these Capital Assets. An Amendment to the fiscal year 2025-26 Transit Services budget is required.

BACKGROUND: Transit Services, which provides fixed route public bus services in Western Nevada County via Nevada County Connects, is in need of replacement vehicles for daily transit operations. The Transit Services has a fleet of seven 2016 Class E El Dorado Aeroelite Cutaway buses, two 2018 Class E El Dorado Aeroelite Cutaways buses, two Gillig 35ft low-floor battery-electric buses and one Ford V350 XL Hybrid Transit Van.

The current 2016 fleet has exceeded the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) useful life benchmark (seven years or 150,000 miles) and is now incurring significant maintenance costs to keep the vehicles in operation. The replacement of these vehicles is addressed in the Transit Fleet replacement schedule. It should be noted that, in the approved Zero Emission Bus Rollout Plan, Resolution 23-416, the intent is to replace the diesel fleet with zero emission vehicles. Unfortunately, due to changes in funding systems and the removal of federal support for zero emission fleet procurements, staff is proposing the purchase of two Class E Starcraft Ford F550 gasoline powered 24 passenger cutaway buses.

The proposed buses are consistent with the current fixed route bus fleet and are supported within the Fleet Maintenance Department.

The procurement of these buses is intended to be done via the previously competitively solicited government contract CalAct/MBTA Cooperative Agreement No. 20-01

Staff have submitted a revised TDA claim to Nevada County Transportation Commission (NCTC) requesting the release of STA funding in the amount of \$457,567.16 for the purchase of these two capital assets.

Staff requests the Board approve a resolution authorizing the purchase of the two capital assets and amends the fiscal year 2025-26 Transit Services budget.

Attachments:

1. Resolution authorizing the purchase of capital assets of two Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-Accessible Class E 24-Passenger Cutaway Buses for use in Nevada County Connects Fixed Route Service in the amount of \$457,568 from Model 1 Commercial Vehicles via CalAct/MBTA Cooperative Agreement No. 20-01 and amending the FY 2025-26 Transit Services budget.
2. Model 1 Class E Bus Quote

Item Initiated by: Robin Van Valkenburgh, Transit Services Division Manager

Approved by: David Garcia, Director of Public Works