



Department Source: Public Works

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: February 7, 2022

Re: Authorizing a Cooperative Agreement with Washington State Department of Enterprise Services for the Purchase of City of Columbia Transit Buses.

Executive Summary

Staff is requesting Council authorize the City Manager to execute the Washington State Transit Bus Cooperative Agreement with Washington State Department of Enterprise Services. This cooperative agreement will provide a significant savings to the city on the purchase of transit buses based on volume.

Discussion

Council authorized execution of a cooperative agreement with Washington State Department of Enterprise Services on October 18, 2021, with the understanding that staff would bring back a report at a future council meeting to include the pricing of the various types of buses available via the agreement with Washington State, and information regarding any restriction on the type of bus that is purchased with the federal grant funds received in 2020. The requested report was taken back to Council on November 15, 2021, and after further discussion, Council authorized the purchase of two (2) compressed natural gas (CNG) buses rather than three (3) that staff had requested.

The agreement authorized for execution by Council on October 18, 2021 was sent to Washington State Department of Enterprise Services for execution on October 20, 2021. Staff was recently made aware that Washington State Department of Enterprise Services revised the language in their cooperative agreement early November, 2021, and that the agreement would not be executed by them. The language in the revised agreement has been examined and approved by the Law Department; staff is therefore requesting Council authorize the City Manager to execute the revised agreement.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Savings to Go COMO Transit of approximately \$20,000- \$30,000 per bus over vehicles purchased directly from the company, outside of the cooperative agreement.

Long-Term Impact: Unknown at this time

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Resilient Economy, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#) Primary Impact: Mobility, Connectivity, and Accessibility, Secondary Impact: Inter-Governmental Cooperation, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable



City of Columbia

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Legislative History

Date	Action
11/15/2021	REP89-21 Go COMO Transit Alternative Fuel Follow-Up Report.
10/18/2021	B322-21 Authorizing a cooperative agreement with the State of Washington, on behalf of its Department of Enterprise Services, for the purchase of transit buses.
09/07/2021	B267-21 Amending the FY 2021 Annual Budget by appropriating funds for the purchase of buses and para-transit vans for the Go COMO Public Transit System.

Suggested Council Action

Approve the ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute the Washington State Bus Cooperative Agreement with Washington State Department of Enterprise Services for the purchase of transit buses.