

SAN FRANCISCO  
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. 13-066

WHEREAS, In 1992, the SFMTA acquired a fleet of 60 articulated trolley buses from New Flyer Inc.; and,

WHEREAS, These articulated trolley buses have been in service since 1994 and are now well past their useful life of 15 years; and,

WHEREAS, Since March 2011, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) has been collaborating with King County Metro in Seattle to develop specifications for the joint procurement of standard and articulated trolley buses; and,

WHEREAS, King County Metro issued a competitive request for proposals in May 2012 to procure 100 standard trolley buses, with an option for 250 additional standard buses, and 55 articulated trolley buses, with an option for 125 additional trolley buses; and,

WHEREAS, King County Metro expects to award the contract in July 2013; and,

WHEREAS, SFMTA currently wishes to purchase 60 articulated trolley buses from the King County Metro procurement to replace the 1992 New Flyer trolley buses and plans to procure additional trolley buses when funding is identified and secured; and

WHEREAS, Under Administrative Code Section 21.16, the SFMTA is authorized to utilize the competitive procurement process of another public agency to make purchase of commodities for the use of the City under the terms established in that agency's competitive procurement process and as agreed upon by the City and the procuring agency; and

WHEREAS, Acquiring trolley buses through the King County competitive procurement process will save the public significant taxpayer funds, serve the public interest in improved public transit and yield tangible benefits to both agencies, including (1) acquiring new vehicles at the best price by minimizing the necessary supplier engineering investment, and taking advantage of economies of scale; (2) reducing the operating costs of the agencies; (3) improving the reliability of the service;(4) avoiding the unnecessary and considerable expenditure of federal and local funds for two separate yet identical procurement processes with the same vendors; and (5) ensuring that the ambitious environmental policy goals at the local, state and federal levels are exceeded through the purchase of zero-emission vehicles; and

WHEREAS, The SFMTA estimates that the cost for all 60 articulated buses, equipment, manuals, training, spare parts and taxes will not exceed \$98,717,875; and

WHEREAS, The SFMTA will negotiate the terms of the Option Assignment Agreement, including changes to technical specifications for buses being purchased by SFMTA once King County Metro awards the contract to the successful bidder; and

WHEREAS, The SFMTA believes that the proposed transaction is in the best interests of the City; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors authorizes the Agency, through the Director of Transportation, to enter into a Bus Options Assignment Agreement with King County Metro and the selected vendor to acquire 60 articulated trolley buses, associated equipment, training, manuals, spare parts and taxes at a cost not to exceed \$98,717,875, and for a term not to exceed six years.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of June 4, 2013.

*R. Bowman*

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Secretary to the Board of Directors  
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency