

PIERCE TRANSIT BOARD MEETING
Training Center, Rainier Room
January 9, 2012
4:00 P.M.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES December 12, 2011

PUBLIC COMMENT

ACTION AGENDA

1. Authority to Purchase Six (6) Forty-Foot Hybrid/Electric Coaches pursuant to Metro Regional Transit Authority Of Akron, Ohio Contract #2008-04

Bill Spies, Senior
Manager Maintenance

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION BOARD ITEMS

1. Sound Transit Update

Commissioners Fey &
McCarthy

STAFF/POLICY DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT

**PIERCE TRANSIT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
December 12, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners present:

Claudia Thomas, Chair of the Board, Lakewood City Councilmember
Spiro Manthou, Vice Chair of the Board, Tacoma City Councilmember
Tim Farrell, Pierce County Councilmember (4:05)
Jake Fey, Tacoma City Councilmember
Don Malloy, Puyallup/University Place Representative (*Puyallup Councilmember*)
Pat McCarthy, Pierce County Executive (4:03)
Rick Talbert, Pierce County Councilmember
Don McKnight, President/Business Agent, ATU Local 758

Staff present:

Lynne Griffith, CEO
Wayne Fanshier, VP of Finance
Alberto Lara, VP of Administration
Kelly Hayden, Acting VP of Operations
JoAnn Artis, Transportation Manager Service Support
Terry Artz, Risk Manager
Rod Baker, Public Safety Chief
Bill Cassio, Deputy Chief Transit Police
Dan Dzyacky, Sr. Manager Transportation
Lars Erickson, Public Information Officer
Amy Anderson, Admin Services Supervisor
Joe Caro, Fleet Assistant Manager
Lani Fowlkes, Vanpool Assistant Manager
Randy Hendrickson, Paratransit Manager
Jason Hovde, Safety Officer
Keith Messner, Information Technology Manager
Gisela Ratajski, Procurement Manager
Cathie Reid, Budget Assistant Manager
Amber Simonsen, Executive Project Manager
Bill Spies, Sr. Manager Maintenance
Van Sawin, Fleet Manager
Kathy Sullivant, Finance Manager
Dena Withrow, Paratransit Assistant Manager
Jennie Foster, Admin Specialist II
Saada Gegoux, Claims Administrator
Greg Greer, Equipment Body Repairer
Andee Handeland, Labor Relations Officer
Justin Leighton, Public Relations Coordinator
Michelle McKendric, Executive Assistant

Stan Medeiros, Technical Supervisor
Jay Peterson, ORCA Administrator
Peter Pryszyk, Sr. Systems Analyst
Barb Schatz, Sr. Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk of the Board
Ashley Smith, Project Controls Assistant
Zack Willhoite, Network Admin Specialist
Treva Percival, Clerk of the Board

Others Present:

Tammie Cox, Citizen
Ron Lucas, Town of Steilacoom Mayor
Whitney Rhodes, Pierce County
Al Roston, Gordon Thomas Honeywell
Raul Silva, First Transit
Briahna Taylor, Gordon Thomas Honeywell
Tom Wolfendale, Legal Counsel

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing that was made available to the Board on December 8, 2011. Commissioners Manthou and Fey **moved** and seconded to approve the vouchers subject to proper audit. Motion **carried**.

Those vouchers included in the listing are further described as follows:

Operating Fund #10
Self Insurance Fund #40
ST Self Insurance Fund #41
Capital Fund #90

Voucher numbers were 321127 through 321576 and wire numbers were 0886 through 0897 for a total of \$4,545,823.46.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tammie Cox, 6615 – 150th ST SW #127, Lakewood 98439. She is concerned about the Route 206 Sunday bus schedule, which strands riders going back and forth to Madigan and Fort Lewis. She asked that the next shake-up address those issues on that schedule.

PRESENTATIONS

Maintenance Employee of the Quarter ~ Greg Greer

Fleet Manager Van Sawin presented Equipment Body Repairer Greg Greer with the Maintenance Employee of the Quarter Award. Greg has been with Pierce Transit for six years. He takes pride and ownership in his work. He is very resourceful and shows great initiative. His professionalism, strong work ethic, skills, talent and excellent safety record make him a valued employee. Greg thanked everyone for this award, and pointed out that is really is a team effort to produce such great results. Way to go, Greg!

ACTION ITEMS

1. Commissioners Manthou and Fey **moved** and seconded to approve Resolution 11-028 **Amendment of the 2011 Continuing Budget.** Motion **carried**.
2. Commissioners Manthou and Fey **moved** and seconded to approve Resolution 11-029 **Adoption of the 2012 Budget.** Motion **carried**.
3. Commissioners Manthou and Fey **moved** and seconded to approve Resolution 11-030 **Adoption of the 2012 Legislative Priorities.** Motion **carried**.
4. Commissioners Manthou and McCarthy **moved** and seconded to approve Resolution 11-031. **Resolution of Appreciation for Commissioner Malloy.** Motion **carried**.
5. Commissioners Talbert and Fey **moved** and seconded to approve Resolution 11-032 **Resolution of Appreciation for Commissioner Manthou.** Motion **carried**.
6. Commissioners Manthou and Talbert **moved** and seconded to approve Resolution 11-033 **Resolution of Appreciation for Commissioner Thomas.** Motion **carried**.

FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Commissioner Manthou gave a brief update on the December Finance Committee activities.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioners Manthou and Fey **moved** and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion **carried**.
Chair Thomas adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

Treva Percival, MMC
Clerk of the Board

Claudia Thomas, Chair
Board of Commissioners

Prepared by: Barbara Schatz, Senior Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk of the Board

FACT SHEET

TITLE: Authority to Purchase Six (6) Forty-Foot Hybrid/Electric Coaches pursuant to Metro Regional Transit Authority of Akron, Ohio Contract #2008-04 DEPARTMENT: Maintenance
ORIGINATOR: Bill Spies

PRECEDING ACTION: Resolution No. 11-029, Adoption of the 2012 Agency Budget

COORDINATING DIVISION: Fleet Maintenance, Purchasing

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:

Vice President

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

Chief Executive Officer

Legal Counsel

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution

BUDGET INFORMATION

2012 Budget Amount	Required Expenditure	Impact
\$3,955,680.00	\$3,562,884.00	\$50,759.00
	Tax \$ <u>342,037.00</u>	Under budget
	Total \$3,904,921.00	

BACKGROUND: This resolution seeks authority to purchase six (6) forty-foot hybrid/electric coaches from the Gillig Corporation under contract # 2008-04 competitively procured by the Metro Regional Transit Authority in Akron, Ohio.

On December 12, 2011, the Board of Commissioners approved 2012 Agency Budget including funds for replacement of six coaches.

In 2009, staff identified fifteen 40-foot CNG-powered New Flyer coaches that were ready for replacement at that time. Nine (9) hybrid coaches were purchased with ARRA funds in 2009. Replacement of the remaining six coaches was postponed due to the economic situation. The CNG tank certification on the six coaches will expire in 2013 making replacement necessary. We have received additional grants from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) providing 83% of funding needed for the acquisition.

Staff recommends, pursuant to Ch. 30.34 RCW, entering an interstate compact agreement for the purchase of coaches competitively procured by the Metro Regional Transit Authority of Akron, Ohio instead of instituting a Pierce Transit procurement, which would be duplicative of the Ohio procurement ("Akron Metro Contract"). Utilizing this contract will ensure that the new equipment is received before the current tank certification expires

and in addition will provide some fleet standardization. Staff has obtained formal assignment options available pursuant to the Akron Metro Contract. This was done pursuant to Ch.39.34 RCW, providing for an interstate compact purchase of buses through Blacksburg Transit and Laketran, parties to the Akron Metro Contract, allowing the transfer of purchase options to Pierce Transit. We have thoroughly reviewed updated pricing received from Gillig Corporation in accordance with the Producer Price Index and are satisfied that pricing is fair and reasonable, remains competitive in the market place and substantially complies with all state and federal and competitive rules and regulations. In addition, pre-award Buy America information has been received from the Gillig Corporation and exceeds the 60% American content requirement.

The price quoted by Gillig is \$593,814 .00 per coach for a total of \$3,562,884.00 plus tax which includes the base price from our last purchase and additional options selected by Pierce Transit. Gillig has provided an excellent product and service in past, staff is confident this will continue in the future.

ALTERNATIVES: The alternative would be not to proceed with the Ch. 39.34 RCW purchase and to develop our own specifications and procurement process, however considering the estimated length of a newly initiated Pierce Transit procurement process and the current minimum fifteen months lead time for coaches, we cannot ensure that the new coaches would be on site when the CNG tanks expire. The most efficient use of Pierce Transit resources is achieved by utilizing the Akron Metro Contract.

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize purchase of six (6) hybrid/electric coaches pursuant to Metro Regional Transit Authority of Akron, Ohio Contract No. 2008-04.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-001

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Commissioners of Pierce Transit
Authorizing Purchase of Six (6) Forty-Foot Hybrid/Electric Coaches pursuant to
Metro Regional Transit Authority of Akron, Ohio Contract No. 2008-04

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 11-029, approved on the 12th day of December 2011, the
Board of Commissioners of Pierce Transit adopted the 2012 Agency Budget; and

WHEREAS, the budget includes funding for six (6) coaches; and

WHEREAS, eighty-three (83) percent of the funds required for replacement of six (6) coaches
are provided through grants from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA); and

WHEREAS, staff has identified a competitively procured contract by the Metro Regional
Transit Authority ("Akron Metro") in Akron, Ohio that includes coaches matching Pierce Transit's requirements;
and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ch.39.34 RCW, Pierce Transit is authorized to enter an interstate
compact for purchase of buses through Blacksburg Transit and Laketran, parties to the Akron Metro contract,
allowing the transfer of purchase options to Pierce Transit; and

WHEREAS, Pierce Transit has previously ordered nine coaches from this contract; and

WHEREAS, staff has reviewed and is satisfied that the procurement process used to develop
the contract substantially complies with all state and federal and competitive rules and regulations; and

Whereas, staff has received the required pre-award Buy America information from the
manufacturer, Gillig Corporation; and

WHEREAS, the proposal from Gillig Corporation to provide six (6) hybrid/electric coaches for
the amount of \$593,814.00 each for a total of \$3,562,884.00 plus tax includes all Pierce Transit's options and is
considered to be fair and reasonable; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Pierce Transit finds it in the best interest of Pierce
Transit to purchase six (6) hybrid/electric coaches from Gillig Corporation pursuant to Metro Regional Transit
Authority of Akron, Ohio Contract No. 2008-04;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Pierce Transit as
follows:

1 Section 1. The Chief Executive Officer is herewith authorized to purchase six (6) hybrid/electric
2 coaches from Gillig Corporation pursuant to Metro Regional Transit Authority Contract of Akron, Ohio No. 2008-
3 04 as described.

4 ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Pierce Transit at a regular meeting thereof held
5 on the 9th day of January, 2012.

Marilyn Strickland, Chair
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Treva Percival, MMC
Clerk of the Board