

City of Culver City, California
City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: August 22, 2005		Item Number: <u>C-7</u>	
AGENDA ITEM: Authorization to Purchase Forty-Two (42) Recaro Bus Operator Seats and Spare Seat Components From Recaro Seating North America in an Amount Not to Exceed \$92,715.			
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Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐		General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☒	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☒ Attachments: ☐	
<u>Public Notification:</u> Master Notification list on August 17, 2005, The City of Culver City's Web-Site on July 12, 2005, Published in the Culver City News on July 14, 2005 and in Passenger Transport on July 18, 2005.			
Department Approval: Stephen C. Cunningham 8/11/05		CAO Approval: Jerry Fulwood 8/17/05	
City Controller Approval: Marlee Chang 8/15/05			

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council authorize the Purchasing Officer to issue a Purchase Order not to exceed \$92,715 for the purchase of forty-two (42) Recaro Transit Bus Operator Seats and spare seat components from Recaro North America.

BACKGROUND:

In order to improve the working environment for our bus operators and reduce workplace injuries, the Transportation Department has initiated a project to replace older model driver's seats in the transit buses. Transit bus operator seats are specifically designed to meet the rigorous demands of transit operations service. The construction and durability of these particular seats must provide operators with a high degree of comfort and the ability to make physical adjustments.

On July 12, 2005 the Transportation Department released a Request for Proposal for Transit Bus Operator seats. The City's Purchasing Division mailed out copies of the RFP to potential proposers, and three (3) RFPs were downloaded from the City's web site.

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DISCUSSION

The Transportation Department received one bid from Recaro North America. The Recaro seat design offers improved mobility and safety to our operators.

The Recaro's design offers unique advantages compared to competitors' seats. The Recaro seat provides maximum forward and rearward travel giving operators the greatest amount of leg and body room. It also has no control knobs in order to make seat adjustments easier and more precise. During our recent transit bus procurement, we installed the Recaro seat into our new buses. These seats have proven to be superior to the older seats installed on all of the pre-2004 buses.

Transportation Department staff surveyed other transit properties that use the Recaro seat. The majority of responses indicated that the Recaro seat was selected because of its excellent design qualities and for the comfort it provides to the Bus Operators.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The Transportation Department has budgeted adequate funds in their FY06 budget for this purchase. No general funds will be used for this acquisition.

MOTION:

That the City Council Authorize the Purchasing Officer to issue a Purchase Order to Recaro North America in an amount not to exceed \$92,715 for the Purchase and installation of Forty-Two (42) Transit Bus Operator Seats and Spare Seat Components.