



CITY OF BANNING STAFF REPORT

TO: CITY COUNCIL

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MEETING DATE: March 11, 2025

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution 2025-32, Approving a Purchase Order with A-Z Bus Sales in the Amount of \$44,242.61, which includes a 5% contingency, for the Wheelchair Lift Replacement on Transit Bus 243

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution 2025-32.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Banning, under the Public Works Department, owns and operates the Banning Connect Transit System which includes the operation of fixed-route bus services that serve between Banning and Cabazon. Additionally, the Dial-A-Ride division offers curb-to-curb transit services to elderly and disabled citizens residing within the City of Banning.

Unit 243, a 2017 El Dorado EZ Ryder transit bus is having continuous wheelchair lift malfunctions and if left unattended, could lead to increased liability, injury and potential Americans with Disabilities (ADA) violations. Due to the critical nature of this repair, staff obtained three quotes from qualified vendors to replace the existing wheelchair lift with A-Z Bus Sales providing the lowest bid in the amount of \$42,135.82.

JUSTIFICATION:

Repairs to Unit 243 are urgently required in order to remain compliant with ADA regulations, prevent injury and to continue to provide safe and reliable transportation service to the City's residents. The Transit Division has limited fixed route buses and while the department is planning to buy four new buses this year, they will not be received until the middle of next year at the earliest. Therefore, it is necessary to get Unit 243 repaired expeditiously in an effort to extend the useful life of the vehicle so that the City can continue to provide essential public transportation services to the City's residents.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Through the FY 2024/2025 Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP), the City has \$60,000 in State of Good Repair (SGR) funds available for usage on eligible projects. Replacing the wheelchair lift on Transit Bus 243 will qualify as an eligible expense for SGR reimbursement.

ALTERNATIVES:

Do not approve Resolution 2025-32 and provide alternative direction to staff.

BUDGETED?:

Yes

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT:

Yes

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Resolution 2025-32, AZ Bus.docx](#)
2. [A-Z Quote.pdf](#)
3. [Sole Source Form Signed.pdf](#)