



CITY OF BANNING STAFF REPORT

TO: CITY COUNCIL

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MEETING DATE: August 26, 2025

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution 2025-120, Authorizing the Purchase of One Electric Van and Two Cutaway Buses for Dial-A-Ride for a Not-to-Exceed Purchase Amount of \$561,179.99

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution 2025-120

BACKGROUND:

The City of Banning, under the management of the Department of Public Works, owns and operates the Banning Connect Transit System which includes the operation of Fixed-Route 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.

In support of City operations, and to maintain safe and reliable transit services, staff are seeking authority to purchase two transit buses, one electric transit van as several existing fleet vehicles have exceeded their useful service life, resulting in frequent repairs, higher maintenance costs, and reduced reliability.

Through the City's participation in the California Air Resources Board (CARB) Advanced Technology Pilot Program (ATPP) Grant, one of the three vehicle purchases will qualify for up to a 50% reimbursement. The purpose of the grant is to allow the Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG) to support the deployment of zero-emission vehicles and infrastructure throughout Western Riverside County, to include the City of Banning. Participation in this grant funded program was unanimously approved by Council January 14, 2025.

State Transit Assistance (STA) funds programmed into the City's Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) will be used to cover the remaining expense with no incurred cost to the General Fund.

Once approval is obtained and staff is alerted of order availability, staff will establish final costs, and purchases will be executed through the California Association for Coordinated Transportation (CALACT).

CALACT is a statewide, non-profit organization that has represented the interests of small, rural, and specialized transportation providers since 1984. Their membership is comprised of individuals and agencies from diverse facets of transportation, including operators of small and large systems, planning and government agencies, social service agencies, suppliers and consultants.

CALACT administers competitive processes for various types and sizes of transit vehicles to assist its members with procuring equipment. This provides a compliant purchasing solution that allows, as a

member, the City to select vehicles that best meet its transit needs.

JUSTIFICATION:

The purchase of three Dial-A-Ride vehicles are necessary in order to continue to provide essential services in a reliable and safe manner.

The Purchasing Policy identifies that cooperative bids prepared by and processed through local, state or federal government agencies may be utilized by the City; therefore, as soon as staff is alerted of availability, these purchases will be executed through the California Association for Coordinated Transportation (CALACT).

All vehicle purchases described in this report will be in unison with purchasing staff and consistent with the City's purchasing policies.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total cost to purchase the vehicles is estimated to be \$561,179.99. Funding will be available in Transit Fund 610, Account No. 610-5800-434.90-51 once continuing appropriations are finalized.

The expense is included as part of the City's Short Range Transit Plan and CARBS's ATPP Grant funding as well as State Transit Assistance (STA) funding will be made available, as a reimbursement, by the Riverside County Transportation Commission and WRCOG to cover the full amount of the purchases. No General Fund dollars will be utilized on this purchase.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve Resolution 2025-120 as presented.
2. Approve with modifications.
3. Do not approve Resolution 2025-120 and provide alternative direction to staff.

BUDGETED?:

Yes

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT:

Yes

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Resolution 2025-120.docx](#)
2. [Quote CALACT Class C E450 Allstar 15-2-CNG.pdf](#)
3. [Quote CALACT Z-1 E-TRANSIT VAN.pdf](#)