



Community Development Department

DATE: July 7, 2021
FROM: Ben Ehreth, AICP, Community Development Director
ITEM: Bis-Man Transit Cutaway Bus Purchase

REQUEST:

The Bismarck-Mandan Metropolitan Planning Organization, on behalf of Bis-Man Transit, requests approval to purchase one (1) paratransit cutaway bus.

Please place this item on the July 13, 2021 City Commission meeting agenda.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Bis-Man Transit was awarded a grant totaling \$81,600 from the Otto Bremer Foundation to purchase an additional cutaway paratransit bus. The Bismarck City Commission approved Bis-Man Transit's request to apply for these grant funds on April 13, 2021.

The purchase would be an additional vehicle for Bis-Man Transit's fleet and would not replace an existing bus. This new bus would not be equipped to run fixed route service.

The purchase price of the new bus is \$85,735.23 and would be purchased from Harlow's off the State Bid. \$81,600 would be paid with the non-federal Otto Bremer funds. The remaining \$4,135.23 would be covered by Bis-Man Transit as a local match, and would pay for seat belt extenders, spare keys, security camera equipment, and a surcharge. The vehicle will be titled to the City of Bismarck.

RECOMMENDED CITY COMMISSION ACTION:

Recommend the Bismarck City Commission approve the request by Bis-Man Transit to purchase one (1) paratransit cutaway bus.

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June 24, 2021

TO: Bismarck City Commission

FROM: Deidre Hughes, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Otto Bremer Foundation Cutaway Bus Purchase

RECOMMENDATION: The Bis-Man Transit Board is recommending that the Bismarck City Commission approve the purchase of one paratransit cutaway bus.

BACKGROUND: Bis-Man Transit received a grant totaling \$81,6000 from the Otto Bremer Foundation to purchase an additional cutaway paratransit bus.

DISCUSSION: The purchase would be an additional vehicle for the fleet and would not replace an existing bus. This bus would not be equipped to run fixed route service.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The purchase price of the bus is \$85,735.23 from Harlow's, off the State Bid. Purchasing off the state bid cuts down on the procurement time. If approved, \$4,135.23 would come from local match to cover the cost of seat belt extenders, spare keys, security camera equipment, and a surcharge attributed to an increase in factory production costs.



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