

Council Meeting of  
November 14, 2006

Honorable Mayor and Members  
of the City Council  
City Hall  
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

**SUBJECT: Transit: Award purchase order to purchase and install Particulate Matter (PM) After-Treatment Devices on MAX buses. Expenditure: \$171,048.29**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Transit Director recommends that City Council award a purchase order to Cummins Cal Pacific, LLC for the purchase and installation of Particulate Matter (PM) After-Treatment devices (FEAP-483) on fourteen (14) Municipal Area Express (MAX) buses in an amount not to exceed \$171,048.29.

### **FUNDING**

Funding is available in the Transit Department's Federal Capital Grant #CA-90-Y318-00 which was approved by the City Council action on September 14, 2004 (FEAP-483). Federal Congestion Management Air Quality will fund 88% or \$150,519.49 with the 12% local match, or \$20,528.80 coming from the participating agencies. The Torrance share will be \$7,613.29.

### **BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS**

The Municipal Area Express (MAX) program is a commuter bus service specifically designed to address the commuting needs of South Bay residents who work in the El Segundo employment center. MAX is a cooperative program sponsored by the cities of El Segundo, Lawndale, Lomita, Los Angeles, Rancho Palos Verdes, Torrance and the County of Los Angeles. The City of Torrance acts as the lead agency and is responsible for the administration, contracting for service, and acts as the legal agent for service and procurements. The MAX Policy Steering Committee (PSC) is composed of members of the participating agencies who set policies and forward recommendations to your honorable body.

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) in early 2004, mandated that by December 31, 2007 bus fleets reduce their particulate matter (PM) by 40% and by

December 31, 2010 to have achieved an overall reduction of 80%. Lead agency staff submitted its PM baseline to CARB on January 31, 2006.

A public notice was published on August 20, 2006 requesting bids (B2006-31) for the purchase and installation of the after-treating devices. Three bids were received and opened on September 14, 2006. Cummins Cal Pacific, LCC, (\$171,048.29) and Ironman Parts and Services (\$218,792.00) submitted proposals with Valley Power Systems Inc. declining to do so. Cummins Cal Pacific, LCC was selected the lowest and most responsible bidder.

Vendor	Price
Cummins Cal Pacific, LLC Montebello, CA	\$171,048.29*
Ironman Parts & Services Corona, CA	\$218,792.00
Valley Power Services	No bid submitted

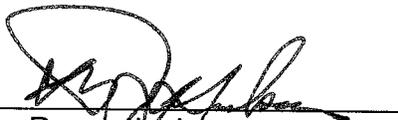
\* Lowest responsible bidder

On October 16, 2006 the MAX Policy Steering Committee approved the lead agency staff recommendation and directed staff to forward the item to your honorable body for awarding of the purchase order. Staff anticipates the after-treatment devices will be installed by April, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

  
 Kim Turner  
 Transit Director

CONCUR:

  
 LeRoy J. Jackson  
 City Manager