

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-11

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2024-203 WITH AMERICAN BUS & ACCESSORIES, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF 17 PARATRANSIT COACHES, AS SPECIFIED, FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,553,536.00 (RTA DEVELOPMENT FUND, FLEET MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

WHEREAS, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority ("Authority") has identified the need to purchase Paratransit vehicles to replace those that have reached or exceeded their useful life; and

WHEREAS, Paratransit vehicles are available through the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation, Cooperative Purchasing Program ("State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program"); and

WHEREAS, R.C. 5513.01(B) provides political subdivisions within the State of Ohio the opportunity to participate in contracts executed by the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation, for the purchase of equipment, materials, supplies, or other tangible assets; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees authorized utilization of the Cooperative Purchasing Program in Resolution No. 2017-102, as set forth in Chapter 410 of the Codified Rules and Regulations of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority; and

WHEREAS, R.C. 306.43(H)(4) authorizes the Authority to enter into a contract for the purchase of goods and services from another political subdivision, public agency, public transit system, regional transit authority, the state, or the federal government, or as a third-party beneficiary under a state or federal procurement contract, or as a participant in a department of administrative services contract under division (B) of Section 125.04 of the Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, through Contract No. 248-24 with the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program, American Bus & Accessories, Inc., located at 123 Citycentre Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45216, has offered to manufacture and deliver 17 Paratransit coaches, as specified, at a unit price of \$150,208.00, for a total amount not to exceed \$2,553,536.00; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer has determined it is in the best interest of the Authority to purchase the required 17 Paratransit vehicles from American Bus & Accessories, Inc. utilizing the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program and recommends acceptance thereof by the Board of Trustees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, Cuyahoga County, Ohio:

Section 1. That the offer from American Bus & Accessories, Inc., through the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program, to provide 17 Paratransit vehicles, as specified, be and the same is hereby accepted.

Section 2. That the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer of the Authority be and she is hereby authorized to contract with American Bus & Accessories, Inc. for the purchase of 17 Paratransit vehicles, as specified.

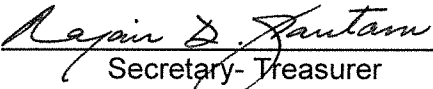
Section 3. That said contract shall be payable from the RTA Development Fund, Fleet Management Department budget, including but limited to FTA Capital Grant OH-2021-009 at a unit price of \$150,208.00, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,553,536.00 (\$2,042,828.80 in federal funds which represents 80% of the total cost).

Section 4. That said contract shall be binding upon and an obligation of the Authority contingent upon compliance by the contractor to the specifications and addenda, if any; the Affirmative Action Plan adopted by the Board of Trustees, bonding and insurance requirements and all applicable laws relating to contractual obligations of the Authority.

Section 5. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: January 21, 2025

  
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President

Attest:   
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Secretary- Treasurer



<b>TITLE/DESCRIPTION:</b> <b>CONTRACT:</b> AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF 17 AMERICAN BUS ENDERA PARATRANSIT COACHES  <b>VENDOR:</b> AMERICAN BUS & ACCESSORIES, INC.  <b>AMOUNT:</b> NOT TO EXCEED \$2,553,536.00	<b>Resolution No.:</b> 2025-11
	<b>Date:</b> January 16, 2025
	<b>Initiator:</b> Fleet Management Department
	<b>ACTION REQUEST:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Review/Comment <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

- 1.0 **PURPOSE/SCOPE:** This action will allow the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority ("Authority") to enter into a contract for the manufacture and delivery of 17 wheelchair-equipped American Bus Endera Paratransit coaches through the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation, Cooperative Purchasing Program ("State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program").
- 2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** These 17 Paratransit vehicles will be used by the Authority's Paratransit District and will replace the Authority's remaining MV-1 and Dodge Caravan Paratransit vehicles. The MV-1 and Dodge Caravan vehicles have exceeded their useful life in age and/or mileage according to the Authority's vehicle replacement policy and guidelines.
- 3.0 **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:** In Chapter 410 of the Codified Rules and Regulations of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority ("Code Book"), the Board of Trustees has authorized the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer to utilize the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program. R.C. 306.43(H)(4) authorizes the Authority to enter into a contract for the purchase of goods and services from another political subdivision, public agency, public transit system, regional transit authority, the state, or the federal government, or as a third-party beneficiary under a state or federal procurement contract, or as a participant in a department of administrative services contract under division (B) of Section 125.04 of the Revised Code.

This resolution will authorize the purchase and delivery of 17 American Bus Endera Paratransit vehicles through the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program, Contract No. 248-24, at a unit price of \$150,208.00, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,553,536.00. The prices established under the state program result from a competitive process. A price analysis has been performed, and the Procurement Department has determined that the price is fair and reasonable to the Authority.

- 4.0 **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/DBE BACKGROUND:** The Office of Business Development does not conduct Affirmative Action reviews or establish goals on procurements included in the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program.
- 5.0 **POLICY IMPACT:** Does not apply.
- 6.0 **ECONOMIC IMPACT:** This contract shall be payable from the RTA Development Fund, Fleet Management Department budget, including but limited to FTA Capital Grant OH-2021-009 at a unit price of \$150,208.00, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,553,536.00 (\$2,042,828.80 in federal funds which represents 80% of the total cost).
- 7.0 **ALTERNATIVES:** Reject this offer. Rejection of this offer would impact the Authority's ability to provide reliable and timely service.

- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: This procurement was discussed by the Board of Trustees at the January 7, 2025 Organizational Planning & Infrastructure Committee meeting. It is recommended that the offer from American Bus & Accessories, Inc. be accepted and the resolution adopted authorizing the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract.
- 9.0 ATTACHMENT: None

Recommended and certified as appropriate to the availability of funds, legal form and conformance with the Procurement requirements.

  
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General Manager, Chief Executive Officer