



Information Item

Date: January 2, 2014

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Edward F. King, Director of Transit Services
Subject: Donation of Retired Bus to When U Dream a Dream, Inc.

Introduction

This report discusses the transfer of the title of retired Big Blue Bus (BBB) No. 3862 at no cost to the City to California based non-profit When U Dream a Dream, Inc.

Discussion

Transit buses have a useful life cycle of 12 years, at which time it becomes cost prohibitive to maintain these vehicles as they require more parts and labor to keep them in operation. BBB has replaced its fleet of 1997 40-foot diesel powered New Flyer buses because they have reached the end of their useful life cycle. One of the last vehicles in this fleet, Bus No. 3862, was taken out of service on October 10, 2013. It is no longer included in the fleet inventory and has been declared surplus.

When U Dream a Dream, Inc. is a non-profit corporation based in Beverly Hills, California that primarily serves paralyzed children and teenagers. Since its inception in 2002, the organization has granted more than 1,000 dreams for children with physical disabilities in the United States and abroad. The intent is to transform the interior of the bus into a computer lab to educate children who are paralyzed. The computers would educate children about community services available and how they can use public transportation services as a paralyzed person. In addition, the bus would be utilized to transport paralyzed children to destinations including, but not limited to musical concerts, sporting events and television shows. Once donated, When U Dream a

Dream Inc. intends to re-power the current diesel propulsion system to hybrid or electric.

Bus No. 3862 will be donated to When U Dream a Dream, Inc. at no cost to the City to enable the organization to provide educational and transportation services to paralyzed children. BBB would remove all City logos and identifying markings from the vehicle.

The estimated value of the bus is approximately \$2,810 based on the most recent auction of similar Big Blue Bus New Flyer vehicles. Section 2.24.040(f) of the City's amended purchasing ordinance (adopted on November 26, 2013) allows the Purchasing Agent to donate equipment valued at less than \$10,000.

When U Dream a Dream, Inc. has had a successful record working with other transit systems including the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and Orange County Transportation Authority. The vehicle would be provided in "as-is" condition with no warranties expressed or implied. The City of Santa Monica will be indemnified from any claims arising from the performance or use of this vehicle.

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