

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



**To:** Jim Scholl, City Manager  
**From:** Norman Whitaker, Director / KWDoT  
**Date:** September 30, 2016  
**Subject:** Procurement Price for a New Support Van

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## **Action Statement:**

Commission approval to purchase from Creative Bus Sales, one (1) seven (7) passenger and a two (2) wheelchair position 2017 Ford Transit MR T350 148" WB WGN/5.4 L V8 Diesel Engine with a six (6) speed automatic transmission transit ADA accessible support van in an amount not to exceed \$57,680.00 pursuant to City of Key West Code of Ordinances Sections 2-797.3, Purchases and Acquisitions Under Contracts of Federal Government and the State or its Political Subdivisions.

Subject van would be procured through the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Transit Research Inspection Procurement Service (TRIPS) contract #TRIPS-15-MB-CB and Creative Bus Sales, using FDOT 5311 Grant funding with no cost to the City of Key West, FL. Key West Transit staff requested van purchase quotes from Atlantic Bus Sales and Sunset Vans. Quote information is attached. They are both attractive vans, but according to our Key West Transit Lead Maintenance Technician not as durable as the van offered by Creative Bus Sales, which uses a stronger frame and engine. Key West Transit staff and Maintenance staff has had discussion on the different type of vans available for transit and it was decided that even though Creative Bus Sales quote was higher than Atlantic Bus Sales but lower than Sunset Vans, the van offered by Creative Bus Sales is a better choice for Key West. Key West Director finds the quote for the more durable Creative Bus Sales van to be fair and reasonable.

## **Project History:**

The current Key West Transit (KWT) Ford support van purchased in 2006, is not ADA accessible, is ten (10) years old, and has experienced a catastrophic mechanical breakdown related to its ABS Braking System and has been out of service since July 15, 2016. Repair will be extremely expensive. It is in Key West Transits opinion this vehicle has reached its maximum life capacity. FDOT Vehicle Asset #060039 a van also known as unit 877 a 2006 – FRD FORD E350 VAN with VIN ID 1FBNE31LX6HA80312. The Key West Transportation Director has requested FDOT, D6 Office approve a request to release the City of Key West from any and all liens assigned at this time to allow disposal of Unit 877 as noted above.

## **Advantage / Disadvantages**

The advantages for approving this purchase request are as follows:

- KWT will be able to continue providing an efficient public transit system both as an Administrative and Customer/ADA wheelchair accessible service route support vehicle.
- A new and improved model van added to our fleet will alleviate the high maintenance costs of the current van which has outlived its useful life
- New van will provide for an improved visual effect in the community
- New warranted vehicle with minimal initial support costs
- KWT will meet Strategic Goals - Infrastructure # 1, 2, & 4
- Purchases are completely funded by FDOT with no City match required, so no fiscal impact to the City

There are no disadvantages to approving this agreement.

The disadvantages for not approving this agreement are as follows:

- Extremely high cost of maintenance on current vehicle
- Current vehicle is not ADA wheelchair accessible
- Current vehicle cannot be driven without extensive/expensive repair
- Loss of opportunity for a new vehicle which will support current services being offered

**Fiscal Impact:**

The 2017 Ford Transit MR T350 148 van will be completely funded by FDOT grants. The new vehicle will be delivered with coverage warranties for issues that might arise during the warranty period as the vehicle ages. This will also alleviate the high maintenance costs of repairing or maintaining the current van which has outlived its useful life.

**Recommendation:**

Key West Transit staff recommends to approve the procurement amount and move forward with purchasing the new support van from Creative Bus Sales.