

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: October 20, 2010

SUBJECT: CNG Transit Vehicle Procurement Follow-up

ATTACHMENTS: None

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

At its last meeting, the Board requested additional information for the acquisition of 5 new CNG transit vehicles for the Apple Country Transit System to replace existing vehicles. The total project includes 4 CNG buses and 1 CNG transit van with an estimated total cost of \$1,004,257, with Federal and State funds covering the \$921,002 of the expenses. County matching funds of approximately \$83,255 are required, which will come from current fund balance within the Transit Fund. Though the County does annually budget for a transfer from the General Fund for required matching funds for the Transit Fund, Staff is not requesting any additional appropriation from the General Fund for this acquisition. Vehicle delivery is expected for the fall of 2011 if the Board authorizes staff to proceed.

In addition to the Board's question about funding for the vehicles, staff has confirmed that only conventional fuel type vehicles (gasoline or diesel) are available via N.C. State Contract.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to authorize staff to solicit bids for the four medium-duty CNG buses and one CNG minivan. The bid results and contract would be subject to the availability of future federal and state funding, and would require Board approval at the appropriate time.

Suggested Motion:

I authorize staff to solicit bids for the four medium-duty CNG buses and one CNG minivan.