


AGENDA ITEM 7 C
Action Item

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 11, 2008

TO: El Dorado County Transit Authority

FROM: Mindy Jackson, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Surplus of one (1) Dial-A-Ride mini-van and offer to Motherlode Rehabilitation Enterprises, Inc.

REQUESTED ACTION:
BY MOTION,

1. Designate El Dorado County Transit Authority fleet vehicle #0207 a Chevrolet Venture mini-van as surplus property per December 11, 2008 Surplus Inventory List
2. Approve the transfer of one (1) surplus Chevrolet Venture mini-van to Motherlode Rehabilitation Enterprises, Inc. (M.O.R.E.)
3. Authorize El Dorado County Transit Authority to provide maintenance services on vehicle # 0207 for a 12-month with cost of repair to be charged to M.O.R.E.

BACKGROUND

The El Dorado County Transit Authority (El Dorado Transit) recently replaced three (3) Dial-A-Ride mini-vans. The three (3) vehicles taken out of service are scheduled to be designated as surplus and sold at auction per agency policy. Property identified as surplus requires board action to designate property as surplus per El Dorado County Transit Authority Purchasing Procedures, August 8, 1998 section 3.12.150.

Dial-A-Ride mini-vans are equipped with a manual wheelchair ramp and can accommodate two (2) persons in wheelchairs. These mini-vans have a useful life of 100,000 or 4 years however; it is typical that the vehicles are in-service for 5 to 7 years with high mileage due to the competitive nature and funding cycles of grant programs for replacement vehicles.

As the Consolidated Transportation Service Agency (CTSA) El Dorado Transit has assisted Motherlode Rehabilitation Enterprises, Inc. (M.O.R.E.) and other social support agencies with grant applications to purchase accessible vehicles. M.O.R.E. was not successful with the joint grant applications. M.O.R.E. would use this vehicle to provide transportation to their developmentally disabled clients.

DISCUSSION

El Dorado Transit maintenance staff has prepared vehicle #0207 for possible transfer to a social support agency. The van is an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible 2002 Chevrolet Venture with mileage at 190,034. El Dorado Transit purchased this mini-van new with federal grant funds (80%) and local sales tax revenue (20%).

El Dorado Transit staff is requesting authorization to surplus vehicle #0207 and transfer the vehicle to M.O.R.E. The vehicle has nominal value and transferring the vehicle to M.O.R.E. will assist with reducing the demand on the El Dorado Transit Dial-A-Ride and ADA complementary paratransit service.

Vehicle transfer has not been a part of the El Dorado Transit program because the vehicles usually are in less than fair condition with 400,000 miles and sometimes 5 to 7 years old. El Dorado Transit is aware of the need for more accessible vehicles throughout the county however; it is rare to have a surplus vehicle in good condition to transfer to another agency. This was a unique opportunity to offer an ADA accessible mini-van in good condition to a local social support agency and reduce demand on some transit services. There may be an opportunity to develop a community grant program for transferring mechanically sound vehicles to private non-profit and public social support agencies and organizations. We recently received a formal written request from the El Dorado County Sheriffs' Department for the transfer of one (1) small ADA accessible surplus bus to transport inmates. This item will be presented when there is a mechanically reliable surplus bus available.

The recommendation includes authorizing El Dorado Transit the opportunity to provide maintenance and repair on this vehicle for at least one year. The repair costs including labor, material and any related fees would be charged to M.O.R.E. El Dorado Transit maintenance staff has performed all necessary preventive maintenance and repairs on this vehicle including mechanical and ADA equipment inspection and repairs. This offer does not preclude M.O.R.E. management from going to other service providers.

If approved for transfer, M.O.R.E. will accept full liability for the vehicle.

Disclosure: In the interest of full disclosure, it is reported that the El Dorado Transit Executive Director has a family member that is an ALTA Regional client that attends M.O.R.E. and has also been a Pride Industries client.

FISCAL IMPACT

Potential loss of income at a public auction.

EL DORADO COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
ITEMIZED SURPLUS PROPERTY INVENTORY
December 11, 2008

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Inventory Number</u>
1	2002 Chevy Venture Minivan VIN #: 1GNDX03E22D30358 Miles: 190034 License #: 1162553	0207