



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-3204, **Agenda Item #:** 22.

10/29/2020

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with B-Cycle LLC, to provide electric bicycles and stations, in an amount not to exceed \$883,017.

(Note: Sole source contracts are exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

Lead Department

Purchasing Office.

Client Department(s)

Austin Transportation Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$475,000 is available from the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority. Funding in the amount of \$408,017 is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Capital Budget of the Austin Transportation Department.

Purchasing Language:

Sole Source.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The contract is for the purchase of 325 electric bicycles and stand-alone dock or stations for the City's Bike Share program. The City currently has 500 non-electric bicycles as part of the program and has engaged with B-Cycle LLC, the provider for the city's Bike Share program's software and infrastructure, to pilot the use of electric bicycles. The pilot bicycles have been used at a rate of three to four and a half times more than the regular bicycles in the Bike Share system. The contract is to purchase the bicycles used in the pilot program due to their high-usage and to increase the overall availability of bicycles and stations in the city's Bike Share system. B-Cycle LLC is the sole provider for electric bicycles and stations that integrate with the existing Bike Share software and infrastructure.

In August 2020 the Interlocal Agreement with Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority related to management and expansion of the Bike Share program, also known as BCycle Austin was completed and executed. The BCycle Austin system is being rebranded as MetroBike and Capital Metro and the City are partnering on future planning and expansion of the system in support of equitable access to shared micromobility and transit.

The City's Bike Share program has served residents and visitors with sustainable transportation since the program's inception in 2013. This request will help the City stay compliant with the Council-adopted Strategic Direction 2023, specifically through the promotion of healthy transportation alternatives that are environmentally sustainable. If the City is unable to secure a contract, the city's residents and visitors will no longer have access to these high-usage bicycles. Additionally, the number of bicycles currently available through this system will be reduced by approximately 30%, thereby reducing the potential impact of the Bike Share program.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Mobility; Economic Opportunity and Affordability; Health and Environment.