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**POTOMAC AND RAPPAHANNOCK
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

RESOLUTION

MOTION: _____

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-04-____
OFFICIAL COMMISSION MEETING
APRIL 3, 2008**

SECOND: _____

**RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR PROCUREMENT OF ORION BUS
OVERHAULS**

WHEREAS, PRTC's fleet includes thirteen (13) Orion buses that are eight years of age; and

WHEREAS, these vehicles will remain in the active fleet for at least another four years and will be retained in the contingency fleet for several years after retirement; and

WHEREAS, these buses are in need of overhaul in order to provide customers with a complete fleet of vehicles that are in excellent condition; and

WHEREAS, funds for this procurement are programmed in PRTC's FY2008 and FY2009 budgets.

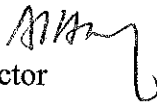
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission does hereby authorize the Executive Director to proceed with a competitive procurement for this overhaul in accordance with the Commission's adopted purchase policy, returning to the Commission at the conclusion of the procurement with a recommended award as a separate authorization.



Potomac and Rappahannock
Transportation Commission

14700 Potomac Mills Road
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April 3, 2008

TO: Chairman Jones and Commissioners
FROM: Alfred H. Harf 
Executive Director
RE Authorization to Advertise for Procurement of Orion Bus Overhaul

Recommendation:

Authorize PRTC's Executive Director to advertise for procurement of Orion bus overhauls.

Background:

The thirteen (13) year 2000-vintage Orion buses are now eight years old, and they must remain in the active PRTC bus fleet for at least four more years before they qualify for retirement. PRTC's practice is to keep the buses beyond the twelve year old retirement-qualifying age, initially as part of the active fleet and then as part of a "contingency bus" fleet so there is always a readiness to deploy extra buses as ridership growth warrants.

As we did with the 1993 and 1995 MCIs, the Orion buses are slated for a mid-life overhaul (as a supplement to ongoing preventative maintenance) to insure that PRTC's entire fleet remains in excellent condition irrespective of bus age. Overhaul includes: exterior painting, rebuilding the air conditioning system, a major suspension overhaul, rebuilding the differential and brakes, replacing engine and transmission (as needed), adding aluminum wheels, new seat cushions and covers (as needed), replacement of operator's compartment panels, and a variety of other items.

Management is ready to advertise the procurement and recommendation for contract award will be brought back to the Commission for separate authorization. The estimated cost of the overhaul work is being furnished to Commission members on a privileged basis to avert the possibility of adversely affecting prices.

Fiscal Impact:

Funds for this procurement are programmed in PRTC's FY2008 and FY2009 budgets.