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**POTOMAC AND RAPPAHANNOCK
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

RESOLUTION

MOTION: _____

**RESOLUTION NO. 07-05-____
OFFICIAL COMMISSION MEETING
MAY 3, 2007**

SECOND: _____

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

WHEREAS, PRTC's fleet includes 13 Orion buses that are approaching seven years of age; and

WHEREAS, these vehicles are expected to remain in the active fleet for PRTC's customary life of 14 years; and

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

WHEREAS, rehabilitation is recommended for seven Orion buses in FY 2008 and the remaining six FY 2009; and

WHEREAS, PRTC has applied for capital funding from the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation to perform the aforementioned work and has included matching funds in the proposed FY 2008 PRTC budget; and

WHEREAS, staff anticipates a similar funding arrangement for the remaining six Orions to be rehabilitated in FY 2009.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission does hereby authorize the Executive Director to advertise to procure these services and return to the Commission with a contract award recommendation.

May 3, 2007

TO: Chairman Gibbons and Commissioners

FROM: Alfred H. Harf
Executive Director

RE: Authorization to Advertise for Procurement of Orion Bus Rehabilitations

Recommendation:

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

Background:

While it seems like a relatively brief period since PRTC took delivery of 13 shiny, new Orion buses, seven years have passed and these vehicles are squarely middle-aged. Unlike our MCI commuter buses, these 40-foot suburban style vehicles operate more hours and miles per day because they are deployed on routes that operate all day, including the Franconia/Springfield and Manassas Metro Direct and the Cross County Connector. Consequently, they are accumulating miles and deteriorating more quickly.

These buses are in need of rehabilitation in order to continue providing customers with a complete fleet of vehicles that are in excellent condition. Rehabilitation includes: engine replacement (as needed); exterior painting; air conditioning system rebuild; major suspension overhaul; electrical system repair; differential and brake rebuilds; aluminum wheels; possible replacement of "flip dot" destination signs with LED units; and a variety of other minor items. The 1993 and 1995 MCIs went through similar rehabilitations in 2004 and 2006. Staff recommends rehabilitating seven of the Orions in FY 2008 and the remaining six in FY 2009.

Staff is finalizing the Invitation for Bid (IFB) procurement document and award recommendation will be brought back to the Commission for separate authorization. The estimated cost of the rehabilitation work is being furnished to Commission members on a privileged basis to avert the possibility of adversely affecting the bids.

Chairman Gibbons and Commissioners

May 3, 2007

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Fiscal Impact:

PRTC has applied for capital funding from the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation to perform rehabilitation work on seven Orions and has included matching funds in the proposed FY 2008 PRTC budget. Staff anticipates a similar funding arrangement for the remaining six Orions to be rehabilitated in FY 2009.