



**Meeting Date:** March 17, 2026  
**Consent Agenda:** Seventeen (17) Replacement Buses

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**BACKGROUND:**

In order to maintain state of good repair, GRTC will be replacing seventeen (17) fixed-route buses that have met their useful life per FTA requirements, 12 years or 500,000 miles. The 17 identified buses have satisfied both of these requirements, having been purchased in 2013 (13 years ago), and each bus having 500,000+ miles on them. These are also the first set of CNG buses that GRTC procured and will also require maintenance costs and increased parts to maintain compared to newer CNG technology.

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

- The Washington State Department of Enterprise Services has a cooperative purchasing agreement (Contract # 06719-01) for transit buses with GILLIG, Inc. and is authorized to make their contract available to other local or federal government agencies or entities. Staff have reviewed the agreement and determined it complies with all federal laws and requirements and includes the vehicles and options GRTC needs for its fleet.
- The unit price is \$867,370 per bus inclusive of vehicle warranty for major parts.
- These buses will be 40-foot in length with 38 seats and CNG propulsion.
- GILLIG anticipates delivery of these buses by late-2027/early-2028 due to extended lead times in the bus manufacturing market.
- Current pricing is inclusive of some on-board bus technology and diagnostic equipment. However, a separate change order may be required for modifications made during the pre-production process for items removed/added.
- This purchase will be funded accordingly:

State (68%)	Federal 28%	Local (4%)
\$ 10,026,797.20	\$ 4,128,681.20	\$ 589,811.60

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommend the Board of Directors authorize the Chief Executive Officer to issue a purchase order to GILLIG, Inc. in the amount of \$14,745,290 for the purchase of seventeen (17) CNG-powered transit vehicles.

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Ellen Robertson, Secretary  
GRTC Board of Directors

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