



**Meeting Date:** March 17, 2026  
**Consent Agenda:** Five (5) Replacement Motor Coach Buses – Addendum

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## **BACKGROUND:**

In July 2025, the Board of Directors authorized the purchase of five (5) commuter motor coach vehicles from Motor Coach Industries (MCI) utilizing the cooperative purchasing agreement administered by the Washington State Department of Enterprise Services (Contract #06719-01).

The original approved unit cost was **\$964,297.55 per bus**, for a total authorization of **\$4,821,487.76**.

These vehicles replace commuter buses purchased in 2010 that have exceeded their useful life in accordance with Federal Transit Administration (FTA) guidelines. The new MCI D45CRTLE motor coaches will be the first commuter coach buses delivered to GRTC since the prior fleet procurement and include updated propulsion systems, accessibility configurations, and advanced onboard technologies.

As production planning and pre-delivery coordination have progressed, staff have identified the need to establish a funding balance for:

- Specialized maintenance training for Fleet Maintenance personnel specific to the new coach platform
- New and specialized tools/equipment necessary to service updated drivetrain components and coach-specific systems

Given that these vehicles incorporate technology and systems not currently present in GRTC's fleet, this additional funding ensures maintenance readiness at delivery and protects the agency's investment.

## **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Change Order Amount: **\$101,205.37 per bus**
- Revised Unit Cost: **\$1,065,502.92 per bus**
- Revised Total Contract Amount: **\$5,327,514.60**
- Funds will support training, specialized tools, and maintenance readiness
- No change to vehicle quantity, configuration, or delivery schedule

These vehicles are funded with Federal, State, and local funds as follows:

<b>State (68%)</b>	<b>Federal 28%</b>	<b>Local (4%)</b>
\$ 3,622,709.93	\$ 1,491,704.09	\$ 213,100.58

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Board of Directors authorize the Chief Executive Officer to approve a change order to the existing purchase agreement with Motor Coach Industries in the amount of **\$506,026.84**, increasing the total contract value to **\$5,327,514.60**, to provide for required maintenance training, diagnostic systems, and specialized tools necessary to support the new commuter motor coach fleet.

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Ellen Robertson, Secretary  
GRTC Board of Directors

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