



Meeting Date: October 27, 2026
Consent Agenda: Thirteen (13) Replacement Paratransit Vehicles

BACKGROUND:

To maintain a safe, reliable, and accessible paratransit fleet, GRTC regularly evaluates vehicle age, condition, and replacement eligibility. Thirteen (13) paratransit vehicles have reached replacement eligibility and are recommended for replacement. Staff propose the purchase of thirteen (13) CNG-powered Ford StarCraft Transit cutaway buses with a staggered delivery schedule to support continued service reliability and fleet sustainability.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Commonwealth of Virginia, Division of Purchases & Supply (DPS) Contract #CTR017836 with Sonny Merryman, Inc. provides GRTC a competitively solicited purchasing vehicle for Ford StarCraft Transit cutaway buses.
- The purchase will be funded through a combination of federal, state, and local funding sources in an amount not to exceed \$2,678,051.54, inclusive of vehicles, technology, associated equipment installations, and a 5% contingency for pricing fluctuations and unforeseen installation requirements.
- Funding is anticipated as follows

Federal (28%)	State (68%)	Local (4%)
\$749,854.43	\$1,821,075.05	\$107,122.06

- The project includes thirteen (13) CNG-powered 2026/2027 Ford StarCraft Transit cutaway vehicles at a unit cost of \$186,509.56 and a total vehicle procurement cost of \$2,424,624.28. Associated technology integration and vehicle inspection services are estimated at \$125,901.00.
- The vehicles include a three (3) year bumper-to-bumper warranty and a five (5) year/150,000-mile extended drivetrain warranty, helping reduce maintenance risk and lifecycle costs.
- Supports GRTC's long-term commitment to a 100% CNG paratransit fleet by 2030 while replacing aging vehicles with more reliable equipment and reducing maintenance-related service disruptions.
- Upon approval, staff will issue a Notice to Proceed for thirteen (13) vehicles, with deliveries anticipated during the second and third quarters of 2027.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Directors authorizes the CEO to issue a purchase order to not exceed \$2,678,051.54 for the purchase of 13 CNG-powered paratransit vehicles.

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Ellen Robertson, Secretary
GRTC Board of Directors

Date