



January 12, 2026

To: Board of Directors

From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: Agreement for Bus Hoist Replacement at the Anaheim Bus Base

Overview

On September 10, 2025, the Orange County Transportation Authority issued an invitation for bids for replacement of the bus hoist at the Anaheim Bus Base. Bids were received in accordance with the Orange County Transportation Authority's procurement procedures for public works projects. Board of Directors' approval is requested to execute the agreement.

Recommendation

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-5-4261 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Southwest Lift & Equipment, Inc., the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, in the amount of \$238,144, for replacement of the bus hoist at the Anaheim Bus Base.

Discussion

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) completed the original construction of the Anaheim Bus Base in 1983. The bus base is currently used by OCTA's contract operator for the daily operation and maintenance of OCTA fixed-route bus service. The hoist in the bus chassis wash bay is utilized for high-pressure water and steam cleaning of the engine and chassis undercarriage areas of the buses to facilitate maintenance operations of the bus fleet. The existing bus hoist was installed in 2009 and has reached the end of its useful life. To ensure continued safe and reliable bus fleet maintenance, the existing bus hoist needs replacement. The project consists of installation of a new flush mount drive-on bus hoist, remote control panels with electric hydraulic power and control units, wiring and connections, safety compliance, and related work.

Procurement Approach

This procurement was handled in accordance with OCTA's Board of Directors-approved procedures for public works projects. These procedures, which conform to both state and federal requirements, require that contracts be awarded to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder after a sealed bidding process.

Invitation for Bids (IFB) 5-4261 was released on September 10, 2025, through OCTA's OpenGov system. The project was advertised on September 10 and September 16, 2025, in a newspaper of general circulation. A pre-bid conference and job walk were held on September 17, 2025, and was attended by one firm. Eleven addenda were issued to make available the pre-bid conference registration sheets and handle administrative issues related to the IFB. On November 12, 2025, two bids were received and publicly opened.

All bids were reviewed by staff from OCTA's Contracts Administration and Materials Management and Facilities Engineering departments to ensure compliance with contract terms and conditions, and technical specifications. The list of bidders and bid amounts are presented below:

<u>Firm and Location</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Southwest Lift & Equipment, Inc. San Bernardino, California	\$238,144
Autolift Services, Inc. Los Alamitos, California	\$244,539

The OCTA engineer's estimate for this project was \$400,000. After conducting some further analysis, it was determined that the independent cost estimate was overstated due to cost assumptions associated with furnishing the hoist and control panel and subcontracting for electrical and safety services. The recommended firm's bid is 40 percent lower than the engineer's estimate and is deemed to be fair and reasonable. The bidder included all costs required to perform the work as required by the IFB and addenda.

State law requires award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. As such, staff recommends award to Southwest Lift & Equipment, Inc., the lowest responsive, responsible, bidder, in the amount of \$238,144, for replacement of the bus hoist at the Anaheim Bus Base.

Fiscal Impact

The project was approved in OCTA's Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget, Capital Programs Division, Account No. 1722-9026-D3103-2W7, and is funded with Federal Transit Administration grant funds.

Summary

Staff recommends the Board of Directors authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-5-4261 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Southwest Lift & Equipment Inc., the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, in the amount of \$238,144, for replacement of the bus hoist at the Anaheim Bus Base.

Attachment

None.

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