

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

DECISION ON CHANGE ORDER FOR TRANSIT VANS

JULY 18, 2022

Background Information:

On behalf of the Transportation Department, the Procurement Department is recommending the approval of a change order to National Auto Fleet Group located at 490 Auto Center Drive, Watsonville, CA 95076, for an additional amount of \$144,824.76 to the original approved amount of \$386,658.72 to purchase twelve (12) 2023 Ford Transit Vans to be configured with driver's partition and slide out cargo tray.

Discussion:

On October 11, 2021, the Board approved the contract award to purchase twelve (12) 2022 Ford Transit Vans to replace an aging fleet of vehicles to handle the ongoing needs of the Food and Nutrition Department for \$386,658.72. Harford County Public Schools was notified on July 5, 2022, that Ford is experiencing a global microchip shortage with major supply chain disruptions due to the Eastern Europe war and lingering impact of COVID which is causing plant downtime. Due to this unforeseen combination of events, the 2022 Transit van order will need to be re-submitted for the 2023-year model. With all compounding matters Ford is experiencing with inflation they cannot hold the 2022 pricing because of the rising costs of the raw materials. The additional cost to purchase the vans is \$144,824.76, making the total purchase \$531,482.88.

The contracting vehicle for this project is National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) Bid #120716-NAF, Vehicles, Cars, Vans, SUVs, and Light Trucks with Related Equipment, Accessories and Services. NJPA is a national governmental purchasing cooperative. National Auto Fleet Group is a national broker representing vehicle manufacturers.

The original funding source for this purchase was the FY22 Capital Budget for \$386,658.72. The added expense funding source for this purchase is the FY23 Capital Budget for \$144,824.76.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approve the change order to National Auto Fleet Group, for the additional amount of \$144,824.76.