Agenda Item No. (3)

To: Building and Operating Committee/Committee of the Whole
Meeting of November 19, 2026

From: Paul McClelland, Director of Fleet and Facilities, Bus Division
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Subject: **APPROVE AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. 2026-BT-056, *LEASE OF BUS TIRES*, TO BRIDGESTONE AMERICAS TIRE OPERATIONS, LLC**

Recommendation

The Building and Operating Committee recommends that the Board of Directors approve award of Contract No. 2026-BT-056, *Lease of Bus Tires,* to Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations, LLC of Nashville, Tennessee, for an amount not-to-exceed $2,962,321.00 to provide leased bus tires, tire service personnel, and wheel refurbishment for the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District's (District) bus fleet, for a three-year period and up to four additional one-year option terms, commencing December 1, 2026. Funds for the first year of service are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 26/27 Bus Division Operating Budget and subsequent costs will be budgeted accordingly.

This matter will be presented to the Board of Directors at its November 20, 2026, meeting for appropriate action.

Summary

This contract is for the leasing of bus tires, providing tire service personnel and providing wheel refurbishment services for the District's bus fleet.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued on August 6, 2026, to ensure that the District receives the best quality of services at the best value. The RFP was advertised and posted on the District's Procurement Portal. Three proposals were received by the following firms by the proposal submission date:

- The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company (Goodyear)
- Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations LLC (Bridgestone)
- Michelin North America, Inc. (Michelin)

An Evaluation Committee (Committee), comprised of District staff, evaluated the three proposals based on the criteria set forth in the RFP. The evaluation criteria were allocated points as follows:

- Proposer's Qualifications and Experience 40 percent
- Approach to Scope Services 35 percent
- Cost Proposal 25 percent

After considering the written proposals and subsequent interviews, the Committee determined that Bridgestone was the highest-ranked firm, based on the RFP's evaluation criteria. Procurement staff was able to negotiate a best and final offer with Bridgestone that resulted in an additional 2% savings to the District.

Staff and the Manager of Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Compliance Programs have reviewed the proposals and find that Bridgestone has properly submitted all required documents and its proposal is technically responsive to the RFP's specifications.

No Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) or SBE goal was established for this contract; however, proposers were encouraged to seek small business participation. The Manager of SBE Compliance Programs determined no DBE or SBE participation is anticipated during the performance of this contract.

The District's current contract for tire leasing services expires on November 30, 2026. Staff is recommending award of this contract effective December 1, 2026, to ensure continuous services for the District's bus fleet.

Fiscal Impact

The total cost for the *Lease of Bus Tires* is not to exceed $2,962,321 for a three-year period with up to four additional one-year option terms. The fees the District pays are based on a monthly service fee and mileage on the tires. If the District operates less miles than are estimated, the fees it pays will decrease. Sufficient funds for the first year of services in the amount of $381,315.04 are included in the FY 26/27 Bus Division Operating Budget. Funds for the remainder of the contract will be included in subsequent FY Bus Division operating budgets.