



ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT

Master Minute Order

Report ID:	25-436	Status:	Approved with modifications
Type:	Consent		
Meeting Body:	Board of Directors - Regular Meeting 09/24/2025	Final Action:	09/24/2025
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Agenda Title:

Consider authorizing the General Manager, or his designee, to execute documents through the State of Washington Transit Bus Cooperative Contract, to purchase up to forty-seven (47) forty-foot hydrogen buses from New Flyer America and up to ten (10) thirty-five-foot battery-electric buses from Gillig LLC.

Staff Contact:
Aaron Vogel, Chief Operating Officer

Legislative Action & Summary

Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Result:
Board of Directors - Regular Meeting	09/24/2025	Approved with modifications	Pass

Action Text:

MOTION: McCALLEY/YOUNG to authorize the General Manager, or his designee, to execute documents through the State of Washington Transit Bus Cooperative Contract, to purchase up to forty-seven (47) forty-foot hydrogen buses from New Flyer America and up to ten (10) thirty-five-foot battery-electric buses from Gillig LLC, and direct staff to report back to the Board before the next bus purchase with a workshop to discuss updates to the Zero Emission Vehicle Transition Plan, including the long-term operating cost impact and discussion regarding the dirty hydrogen issue. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 President SHAW, Vice President McCALLEY, Director WALSH, Director SYED, Director SILVA, Director YOUNG

Notes:

[Director Silva recused himself from participating in the discussion due to a conflict of interest concerning his current employment with Gillig and left the dais.]

There was no presentation of the staff report. Staff addressed comments from the Board and advised that a purchase order would need to be issued by December 31, 2025 to receive funding for the

purchase.

Latrina Meredith, President of ATU Local 192, commented on the need to collaborate with operators and mechanics when buses are purchased.

Aleta Dupree commented on the purchase of 57 zero-emission buses and recommended that AC Transit explore in-house charging solutions and clean hydrogen production, rather than outsourcing these functions to external vendors.

Brian Culbertson expressed concern about the procurement of hydrogen fuel cell buses, particularly regarding their impact on future service. Culbertson stated that past reports indicate these buses have significantly lower reliability and availability.

George Spies agreed with the previous speakers regarding concerns about hydrogen buses. Spies stated that AC Transit should listen to driver feedback and try to avoid expanding the hydrogen fleet at this time.

A motion was made by Director Young and was seconded by President Shaw to approve the staff recommendation. The motion failed by a vote of 3-0-2 (Directors Walsh, Syed - Abstain).
