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## MEMORANDUM

Equipment Maintenance  
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To: Mayor and City Council Members

CC: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator  
Brian Stineman, Public Works Director

FROM: Amy Fortenbacher, Transit Supervisor

DATE: June 7, 2019

RE: Request for Authorization to Issue Purchase Orders for 3 Transit Buses

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### INTRODUCTION:

The City of Muscatine Transit (MuscaBus) has received notification of availability of funding for the purchase of three, light duty transit buses. The federal funding source is CMAQ (Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality) Improvement Project under 5311 for 2 buses & Bus and Bus Facilities Project under 5339 for 1 bus. In previous Council meetings, the Council approved to accept this funding.

### BACKGROUND:

This funding was acquired through the Iowa Department of Transportation, on behalf of Iowa public transit systems. Funding for CMAQ is at an 80% level, with the City's responsibility the remaining 20%. Funding for Bus and Bus Facilities is at an 85% level. The City is responsible for the remaining 15% of the purchase cost. As Council may recall, the City's share of the purchase of three new buses was requested during Budget sessions. At the March 21, 2019 and the May 2, 2019 Council meetings, the Council agreed to accept funding for these buses.

### RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:

It is the recommendation of the Public Works/Transit staff to approve the request to issue a purchase order for two (2) El Dorado Aerotech 220 158" Light Duty Buses to Thomas Bus Sales of Iowa, Inc for the total purchase price of \$177,776.00 (\$88,888.00 per bus). The City is responsible for 20% of the purchase price or \$35,555.20 (\$17,777.60 per bus).

Public Works/Transit staff requests the approval to issue a second purchase order for one (1) El Dorado Aerotech 240 176" Light Duty Bus to Thomas Bus Sales of Iowa, Inc. for the total purchase price of \$90,747.00. The City is responsible for 15% of the purchase price or \$13,612.05. The buses will be ordered from Thomas Bus Sales utilizing the Iowa DOT state bid.

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on either side of the ocean that equaled them" — Mark Twain

**They are all gasoline buses.**

**BACKUP INFORMATION:**

**The bus specifications and quote from state bid list**