

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-11-20-036

AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH KUHN INVESTMENTS, INC, FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPERATING THE RHODY EXPRESS AND FLORENCE ADA PARATRANSIT SERVICE

WHEREAS, LTD is in need of services to operate the Rhody Express and Florence ADA Paratransit service,

WHEREAS, LTD's Fiscal Year 2025 Budget includes the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund Formula Program, and Section 5311 Rural Areas grant funding;

WHEREAS, the Oregon Public Contracting Code and the LTD Procurement Policy require that all contracts for goods, services, or public improvement projects be based upon competitive bids or proposals, unless an exception applies;

WHEREAS, LTD followed the competitive RFP process, pursuant to the requirements of the Oregon Public Contracting Code, Oregon Administrative Rules Ch. 137, Divisions 46-49, and LTD's Procurement Policy, as well as any Federal Transit Administration requirements, as applicable;

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee reviewed the Agenda Item Summary regarding the proposed contract between LTD and Kuhn Investments, Inc., dba River Cities Taxi on November 12th, 2024, and recommended Board adoption of the proposed resolution; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to LTD Resolution No. 2024-08-21-023, the LTD Board of Directors is the LTD Contract Review Board and is required to authorize all contracts that exceed \$250,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the LTD Board of Directors, acting as the LTD Contract Review Board that:

Once any protest period has passed and no protests being received and/or such protests being resolved in accordance with Oregon law and the LTD Procurement Policy, the Chief Executive Officer, or designee, is hereby authorized to: (a) negotiate and enter into a contract with Kuhn Investments, Inc. for the purpose of operating the Rhody Express and Florence ADA Paratransit service in an amount not to exceed \$1,451,191; and (b) as needed, execute amendments to the contract not to exceed a cumulative total of \$250,000.

ADOPTED BY THE LANE TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON THIS 20th DAY OF November, 2024.

Nov 25, 2024

Susan Cox, Vice President



Lane Transit District Agenda Item Summary (AIS)

Presented By: John Ahlen, Mobility Services Manager Contract Title: Rhody Express

Contract No.: 2023-46-RCT

Grant No: 35423 (§5311), 35531 (STIF-F)

Entering into a Contract: 🛛 Contract Amendment: 🗆 Approved by Procurement: 🗆

Action: Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-11-20-036 Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to amend contract 2023-46-RCT with Kuhn Investments, Inc., for the purpose of operating the Rhody Express and Florence ADA Paratransit Service.

Agenda Item Summary: LTD's Rhody Express is a local fixed-route transit service that operates from 10AM to 6PM on weekdays in Florence. In June 2024, LTD increased service frequency on the Rhody Express, moving from hourly service to service every 30 minutes. As a result of this service expansion, ridership on the Rhody Express has increased by approximately 50 percent. The contractor for the Rhody Express also subcontracts with LTD's RideSource contractor to operate ADA Paratransit service in Florence.

On July 16, 2024, LTD issued an RFP that solicited proposals from qualified firms that will apply proven and innovative approaches to operating the Rhody Express and the Florence ADA Paratransit service. This was a multiple award option solicitation that allowed proposers to apply to operate transportation services in Florence, Oakridge, or both.

LTD received two (2) responses to the Rhody Express scope of the RFP by the proposal due date of August 30, 2024. The Procurement Office reviewed the proposals for responsiveness according to the standards outlined in the proposal, and both proposals were deemed complete and responsive and responsible. The Evaluation Committee reviewed the proposals and conducted interviews with each proposer. Following the Evaluation Committee's scoring against the RFP criteria, the recommendation to the Board is to approve the above action for the District to contract with Kuhn Investments, Inc. for the identified services.

The total contract value for up to five years is \$1,451,191. This contract is funded through Statewide Transportation Improvement Funds (STIF), Federal Section 5311 grant funds for rural areas, and local funds from the City of Florence.

Attachments: Resolution - Rhody Express

I certify that my Department Chief has reviewed and approved this AIS: oxtimes

Proposed Motion: I move to Adopt LTD Resolution 2024-11-20-036 Authorizing the CEO to amend contract 2023-46-RCT with Khun Investments, Inc., for the purpose of operating the Rhody Express and Florence ADA Paratransit Service.

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