City Council Agenda Item Request- STEP I

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1. **Date submitted to Clerk's Office:** October 2, 2025

2. **Primary contact person and Department requesting agenda item:** Ashley Haire, Transportation Director; Jessica Morriss, Assistant Transportation Director, Christopher Whitlock, Transit Division Manager

3. **Requested Council meeting date:** October 28, 2025

4. **Subject:** Amendment to previous sole-source authorizations for certain technology purchases for ART Transit buses

5. **Action requested:** Adoption of a resolution ratifying technical amendments to three resolutions that had authorized the City Manager to purchase sole-source bus technology to identify the correct vendor for Asheville Rides Transit's CAD/AVL ITS system, which is Hanover, not Clever Devices IVN5.

6. **Note if time sensitive, and why:** No.

7. **Potential Fiscal Impact: None.** Previous purchase orders were updated to reflect the correct vendor prior to purchase and payment.

8. **Identify all vendor outreach for Minority & Women Owned Business Enterprises (MWBE):** N/A.

9. **Identify all Boards, Commissions and Committees with proposed dates:** N/A.

10. **Identify key issues:**
    - This action seeks to amend three previous sole-source authorizations (via resolutions 25-188, 24-253, and 24-55) to correct the vendor for Asheville Rides Transit's CAD/AVL ITS system from Clever Devices IVN5 to Hanover.
    - The City of Asheville uses the Washington State Department of Enterprise Cooperative Purchasing Agreement for Transit Buses Master Contract No. 06719 to purchase buses from Gillig, approved by the Washington State Department of Enterprise on October 20, 2021.
    - The purchase of some specific technology-based components for the buses must receive sole-source authorization to be purchased and installed on each bus separately, however, to ensure that every bus has consistent and standardized technology.
    - The sole source authorization, pursuant to 143-129(e)(6), allows the bus manufacturer, Gillig, to purchase and install the authorized sole-source technology on behalf of the City through the purchase order, without engaging in competitive bidding because standardization is the overriding consideration in wanting to use these specific products.
    - Previous Resolutions below had the incorrect vendor listed:

Resolution Number	Resolution Signed	Bus Purchase Quantity
25-188	08.26.2025	5

24-253	11.12.2024	4
24-55	02.27.2024	3

- The change from Clever Devices IVN5s to Hanover benefited the City by resulting in several thousand dollars in cost savings per bus for a comparable product.