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**Subject:** URGENT - File 65315 New Flyer Non Competitive Bid

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To all Madison Alders, Leaders and Representatives,

New Flyer Electric buses will be a great addition to Madison's proposed BRT Corridor. I respectfully request to add additional language to include a "no-bid" contract for not only all electric 60ft articulated buses but also to include 40ft all electric BRT buses.

As BRT is in the project development phase, it would provide additional flexibility to research an all electric bus the same size as our current buses. Are 60ft large articulated buses needed for a City of 250,000 people.

Richmond Virginia implemented BRT under the direction of former City Director Mark Olinger with 40ft buses, not articulated 60 foot buses. Richmond has many similar attributes to Madison:

1. Large university presence.
2. State Capitol
3. 60 square miles
4. Vibrant downtown shopping district

Respectfully,

Carmelo Alfano