

VTA Response to Questions and Requests for Clarification – RFP # 2017-02

Matthews Bus
Approved equals for VTA#2017-02

November 30, 2016

VTA responses appear in red.

The following are our requests for approved equals and/or clarifications of the procurement.

- 1) Requesting an interior height of 76"
Request approved.
- 2) Requesting the acceptance of the OEM standard 3.7L TIVCT V-6 gasoline engine
Request approved.
- 3) Requesting the acceptance of the OEM standard 25 gallon fuel tank
Request approved.
- 4) Specification requires that a rear suspension system be installed to prevent leaning or listing of the vehicle. An additional spring is typically added to the curbside spring pack to accommodate this. Is this additional spring required?
If needed to meet the spec, yes.
- 5) Requesting acceptance of dual batteries with 610 CCA each for the gasoline engine application.
Request denied.
- 6) Requesting the acceptance to locate the batteries underneath the driver's seat which is the chassis OEM position.
Request approved.
- 7) Requesting the acceptance of a 210 ampere alternator with the diesel engine application.
Request approved.
- 8) Requesting the acceptance of the Startrans Candidate II Transit bus body per the attached construction specification.
Request approved.
- 9) Requesting a clarification of the required BTU capacity of the rear air conditioning system. Please also clarify if a dual compressor system is required?
No BTU minimum required, just what OEM offers.
- 10) Requesting a clarification of the required BTU capacity of the rear heating system.
No BTU minimum required, just what OEM offers.