

Propane Fueling Station at St. James Bus Lot

Policy Reference: OE-13: The superintendent shall assure that physical facilities support the accomplishment of the board's **Results** policies, are safe and properly maintained.

Background Information: The State of South Carolina agreed to supply Horry County Schools with twenty-one (21) new propane-powered school buses (a value of approximately \$2.0M) in return for installing a propane refueling station at one of our bus lots. In conjunction with the HCS Transportation Department, Facilities had the fueling station designed for the bus lot which was recently completed behind St. James Elementary School. A solicitation for construction was advertised for the work and bids were received on November 13, 2018 with only one (1) bidder responding. The original cost estimate for construction was \$150,000.00. The sole bid was for \$194,100.00. The work will include heavy-duty asphalt driveways, curb and gutter, service island, fencing updates, electrical work, a nearly 2,000 gallon propane tank, and two fueling pumps. The propane tank and fueling equipment will be furnished and installed by the State Transportation Office.

There is currently a remaining fund balance for the St. James bus office and parking lot project (5657 fund) of \$309,000.00. We recommend utilization of this project's available balance to fund the construction of the propane fueling station.

Purpose: To construct a propane refueling station at the new St. James bus lot.

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Recommended Action: Authorize Facilities to utilize remaining funds from the St. James bus lot project to construct the propane refueling station.

Estimated Cost: \$194,100.00

Recurring ___ Non-recurring X
Funding Sources: