

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: March 21, 2005

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UNDER 49 U.S.C. SECTION 5310 PROGRAM TO REPLACE FIVE DIAL-A-RIDE VEHICLES

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that City Council adopt a resolution approving a grant application to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in the amount of \$280,000 dollars for the replacement of five Dial-A-Ride vehicles.

BACKGROUND

Since 1984, the Department of Transportation has managed the City's Dial-A-Ride (DAR) program, which provides curb-to-curb service for Pasadena residents over 65 years of age and those with disabilities. The program operates seven days a week, an average of 70 vehicle hours a day, and currently serves over 5,300 passenger trips a month. To meet this demand, there are currently twelve vehicles in the fleet, however, five of these vehicles are 10 years old and have accumulated over 250,000 miles each. Because of their age and excessive wear, these vehicles are prone to more frequent mechanical failures and more extensive maintenance. This translates into more vehicle down-time, which can impact service performance and place a greater burden on the other fleet vehicles.

Because of this, staff has submitted a Section 5310 program grant application to Caltrans for replacement of these five vehicles within the DAR fleet. Under this program, capital grants for the purpose of meeting the transportation needs of elderly persons and persons with disabilities where public mass transportation services are otherwise unavailable or insufficient are available. Eligible projects

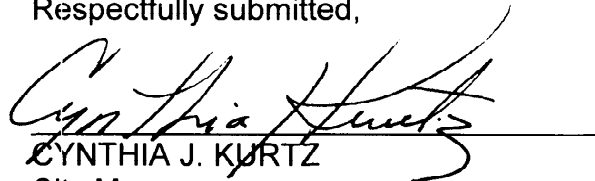
include the cost of vans, buses, communication equipment and computer hardware that will provide support for the transportation system. There are an estimated \$8.5 million dollars in Federal funds available annually under this program.

Caltrans requires all applicants to comply with an 80:20 match requirement. The City will first use development fees for projects that provide services to senior citizens and persons with disabilities, where an impact is determined, and if those are insufficient, Proposition A local return funds will make up the difference to reach the total of \$56,000 required. Staff has already submitted the initial grant application in keeping with the Caltrans' deadline of March 3, 2005. However, public agencies and non-profit agencies have until May 5, 2005 to submit fully executed resolutions supporting their grant applications. The earlier submittal allows for initial project reviews to determine if a project is viable. Caltrans' tentative timeline for review and anticipated grant award is May 2006.

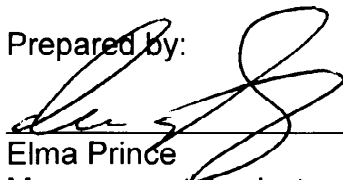
FISCAL IMPACT

If the grant application is approved by Caltrans, a 20 % local match of \$56,000 is required. This will be funded through development fees first, and supplemented with Proposition A local return funds if those are needed. Additionally, it is anticipated that there will be some savings in vehicle maintenance costs once the five new vehicles are placed in service, which is anticipated to occur in the latter part of 2006.

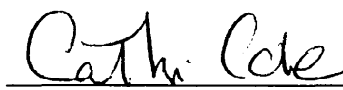
Respectfully submitted,


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Director of Transportation

RESOLUTION NO. ____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA
APPROVING AN APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION UNDER THE 49 U.S.C. SECTION 5310 PROGRAM FOR A
CAPITAL GRANT FOR THE PURPOSE OF MEETING THE TRANSPORTATION
NEEDS OF ELDERLY PERSONS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

WHEREAS, the Federal Transportation Authority has made certain Federal funds available for the elderly and persons with disabilities through the 40 U.S.C. Section 5310 program (“Grant Program”);

WHEREAS, the State of California, through California Department of Transportation (“Caltrans”) has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the Grant Program, setting up necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, these procedures required the City of Pasadena to certify, by resolution, the approval of an application before submission of the application to Caltrans; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pasadena desires to acquire vehicles under the Grant Program to assist in meeting the needs of elderly persons and persons with disabilities (“Project”); and

WHEREAS the City of Pasadena has determined, through a public hearing held on February 23, 2004, that there are no non-profit agencies available within the City of Pasadena who can provide the required public transportation service to the elderly and persons with disabilities offered by the City of Pasadena to its residents and the residents of San Marino, and the unincorporated areas of Altadena, East San Gabriel, Kinneloa and Chapman Woods

WHEREAS, if the City of Pasadena is awarded a grant the City will enter into a Grant Agreement with Caltrans for the Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA;

THAT, the filing of an application to the Grant Program for the acquisition of vehicles to assist in meeting the transportation needs of elderly persons and persons with disabilities is approved; and

THAT, the City of Pasadena certifies that it has sufficient funds to complete the project, operate and maintain the Project; and

THAT, the City Council of the City of Pasadena certifies that it has reviewed the Provisions of the Grant, and understands and agrees to the General Provisions of the Grant Agreement; and

THAT, the City Manager is authorized to complete all materials related to the application and acceptance of this grant from the Grant Program: and

THAT, the City appoints Cynthia J. Kurtz, City Manager, as the City of Pasadena's representative to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to Applications, Agreements, payment request and other documents, which may be necessary for the completion of the Project.

Adopted at the regular meeting of the Pasadena City Council on the _____ of March 2005, by the following vote

AYES

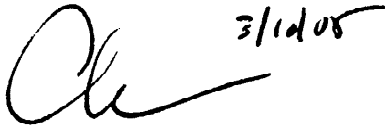
NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED

JANE L. RODRIGUEZ
City Clerk

Approved as to form:



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