

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

Date: November 14, 2005

THROUGH: FINANCE COMMITTEE

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE OPERATION OF ALTERNATIVE FUEL BUSES

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) for the purpose of funding the operating costs of three alternative fuel buses for the Area Rapid Transit System (ARTS) service.
2. Recognize \$281,000 in revenue from Metro into Proposition C Fund 209.

BACKGROUND

In FY2002 Metro awarded funding for the operation of alternative fuel shuttles to the City of Pasadena under the "Call for Projects". This is a one time only demonstration grant. This project was originally submitted to Metro in FY1999. In December 2003 the City purchased electric hybrid vehicles and placed them into service; however, Metro had placed a hold on all Call projects due to State funding shortages. In August 2005, the City received notice that Metro was reauthorizing funding for prior projects, including the alternative fuel bus operation demonstration project.

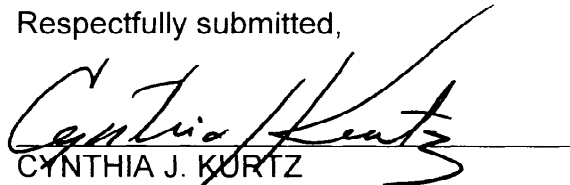
The alternative fuel bus operation demonstration project was developed to provide funding for the operation of three alternative fuel vehicles. The original project costs in FY1999 were programmed for \$460,000. With the current bus schedule, contract rate and other administrative fees, the cost to operate three alternative fuel buses on Route 10 for one year is \$896,000. Based on the original project budget of \$460,000, Metro will provide the City with \$281,000 in funding and the City will fund the remaining amount, \$179,000. The project will fund a portion of the annual operating expenses for the electric hybrid buses used on the ARTS Route 10 service. This project will provide

funding assistance to the ARTS program and require a minimal amount of administrative time to manage.

FISCAL IMPACT


The Metro Call for Projects will provide the City with a one-time only demonstration grant of \$281,000 in outside funding for the operation of three (3) electric hybrid vehicles. The project will cover the last six months of FY06 and the first six months of FY07. The City will commit local funds currently included in the FY2006 budget and projected in the FY07 budget in the amount of \$179,000 as a match to the project. This amount will include personnel cost for the Transit Division staff to administer the program, material/supplies, and internal services for operating costs.

Respectfully submitted,



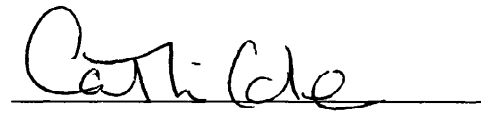
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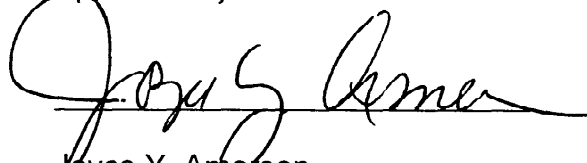
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