

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: January 26, 2009

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: Authorization to Enter into a Month by Month Contract Extension with First Transit for the Operation of the Pasadena Area Rapid Transit System (ARTS) and Pasadena Dial-A-Ride from February 1, 2009 through July 30, 2009

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the execution of a month to month contract extension with First Transit to continue operation of the Pasadena Area Rapid Transit System (ARTS) and Pasadena Dial-A-Ride for a period up to six months from February 1, 2009 through July 30, 2009 for an amount not to exceed \$2,279,900 (\$379,983 per month).

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Transportation issued a Request for Proposals to provide fixed route (Pasadena ARTS) and dial-a-ride service in Pasadena in early September 2008. The Department received two proposals. The Department anticipated bringing a report to the City Council in November for award of contract which covers a multi-year period. On November 24, 2008, a report to City Council requested a two month extension of the contract to allow the Department to work through issues addressed below. The City Council approved the extension; however, the issues have not been resolved and the Department is requesting additional time to resolve the issues.

Funding to support the cost of the contract was included in the FY 2009 budget. However, the change in the economy has had an impact on the two revenue sources (Proposition A and Proposition C sales tax funds) that fund transit (ARTS) and Dial-A-Ride (DAR) operations in Pasadena. The recent trend in receipts of funds coupled with projections of sales in Los Angeles County indicate that the anticipated levels of revenue in the budget will not be realized this Fiscal Year. While the Department is revising the funding program and evaluating the service program in the new contract to balance outlays with revenue, additional time is needed to refine these adjustments and ensure the City Council has sufficient time to consider the proposed changes before a new contract award is approved.

The current contract with First Transit expires at the end of January and an extension of the contract from February 1, 2009 through July 30, 2009 is requested to provide an opportunity for the Department of Transportation to work with the Finance Department to identify the funds to support the proposed service contract.

First Transit has agreed to extend the existing contract for the six month period at the current rate of \$55.44 per hour for Pasadena ARTS and \$55.80 per hour for Pasadena Dial-A-Ride.

FISCAL IMPACT:

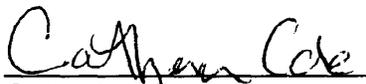
Sufficient funds are available in the Transportation budget to support the extension of the contract for an amount not to exceed \$2,279,900 (\$379,983 per month).

Respectfully submitted,



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