

Agenda Report

June 3, 2013

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Department of Transportation

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH FIRST TRANSIT FOR THE TRANSFER OF VEHICLE OWNERSHIP OF SIX VEHICLES

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the proposed transfer of vehicle ownership is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060 (c)(2), 15060 (c)(3), and 15378, as the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with First Transit for the transfer of vehicle ownership of six vehicles from First Transit to the City of Pasadena. The transfer is made in consideration to the value paid by the City during the course of the use of the vehicles under contract service.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Pasadena has a contract with First Transit for the operation of transit services for the Pasadena Area Rapid Transit System (ARTS) and Pasadena Dial-A-Ride. As part of the contract, First Transit has operated and maintained both City-owned vehicles and contractor owned vehicles. There are currently six 30-foot El Dorado Transmark buses that have been used in the ARTS service which have been fully paid for by the City.

First Transit has proposed to transfer the ownership of the vehicles to the City in consideration to the value paid by the City during the course of the contract. This action will allow the City to pursue opportunities to replace the vehicles through grant funding limited to the replacement of existing vehicles. The transfer of ownership will not impact First Transit's obligation to maintain the vehicles under the contract or to continue to insure the vehicles.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

The proposed action is consistent with the following goals of the Strategic Plan: Improve, Maintain and Enhance Public Facilities and Infrastructure, Improve Mobility and Accessibility throughout the City, and Support and Promote the Quality of Life and Local Economy. This transfer of ownership will provide opportunities to replace the vehicles through grant funding limited to the replacement of existing vehicles.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The action proposed herein is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060 (c)(2), 15060 (c)(3), and 15378. CEQA Guidelines Section 15060 (c)(2) states that an activity is not subject to CEQA if "The activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment". The proposed activity consists of the transfer of vehicle ownership of buses from a vendor to the City, with the vehicles expected to be used by the City in the same manner in which they are currently being used. No direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment would result from this transfer of ownership. For the same reason, the proposed activity is not a CEQA "Project" as defined in State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 and is, therefore, also not subject to CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15060 (c)(3).

FISCAL IMPACT:

There are no fiscal impacts that will result from the transfer of ownership of the vehicles.

Respectfully submitted,



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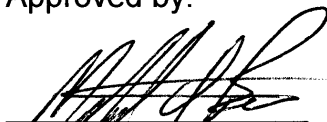
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