

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

November 19, 2001

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND CONTRACT WITH LAIDLAW TRANSIT SERVICES AND COACH USA TRANSIT SERVICES TO IMPROVE UPTOWN ARTS SERVICE

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

- (a) Amend the contract with Laidlaw Transit Services (Contract No. 15,375 as amended) to allow for an increase of \$13,300 to provide an additional bus for the Uptown route from November 7, 2001 until November 30, 2001.
- (b) Amend the contract with Coach USA Transit Services to allow for an increase of \$48,700 to provide an additional bus for the Uptown route from December 1, 2001 to March 1, 2002.
- (c) Approve a journal voucher amending the Fiscal Year 2002 Operating Budget and appropriating \$62,000 from the unappropriated General Fund to the ARTS program (Fund 209).

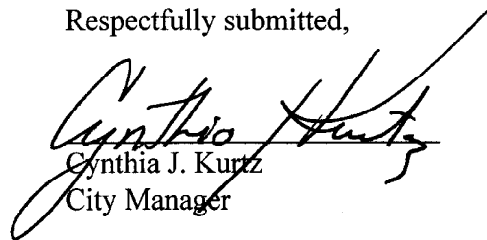
BACKGROUND

On November 5, 2001, the City Council directed staff to mitigate existing overcrowding problems on the City's ARTS Uptown bus route until the approved service expansion plans are implemented on March 2, 2002. Based on this request, an additional bus was added to the service on November 7, 2001. This action will add an additional 229 hours to the ARTS Uptown service in November and 868 hours from December 1, 2001 through March 1, 2002. To pay for the service change, it will be necessary to amend the approved contracts with the two service providers. The contract (Contract No. 15,375) with Laidlaw Transit Services which expires on November 30, 2001, will need to be increased by \$13,300. The Coach USA Transit Services contract, which begins on December 1, 2001, will need to be increased by \$48,700. The total cost to increase service is \$62,000. The impact of this service change will be closely monitored to ensure effectiveness.

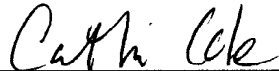
FISCAL IMPACT

It is requested that the City Council approve the requested contract amendments to increase service hours on the ARTS Uptown Route. The cost to provide this additional service will be \$62,000. Approval of the recommended actions will require a budget adjustment to the ARTS contract services account (8114-209-763309). Revenue from the unappropriated General Fund balance will be used to offset the program expenses.

Respectfully submitted,



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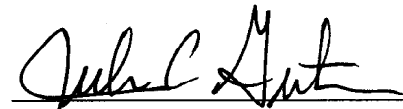
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