

# Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: May 19, 2003

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: **AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS FOR TRANSFERS BETWEEN THE ARTS SYSTEM AND OTHER PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEMS**

## RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into agreements with duly recognized public transit operators to provide transfers between the ARTS system and other public transit systems resulting in greater convenience and mobility for the public, these agencies include but will not be limited to the following: Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), Foothill Transit, Montebello Bus Lines, and Access Service Inc.

## RECOMMENDATION FROM COMMISSIONS

The Transportation Advisory Commission reviewed the matter of inter-agency transfer agreements at the May 9, 2003, meeting and recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into agreements.

## BACKGROUND:

To improve transportation convenience and mobility for the general public it is important to increase options for travel. One means to accomplish this is the ability to transfer from one transit provider to another through the use of inter-agency transfers. The City is interested in pursuing agreements with the various transit agencies that interface with the ARTS buses to enable greater access for passengers.

In general, transfer agreements ensure that each agency will accept the other's valid transfer in lieu of a cash fare when it is presented to the driver upon boarding the bus. This allows transit users to use more than one bus/train to get to their final destination at a reduced cost. Each agency issues inter-agency transfers for a cost determined locally (the inter-agency fare approved by Pasadena is 25 cents), and retains the revenue generated. The other significant aspect of inter-agency agreements is the indemnification and hold harmless clauses. The agencies that the City wants to enter into agreements with include the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA)

for both bus and Metro Gold Line train transfers, Foothill Transit and Montebello Bus Lines. In addition, other cities such as Arcadia, Sierra Madre and Glendale, may also have bus service into Pasadena and may also present an opportunity for inter-agency transfers.

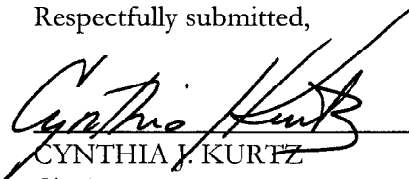
In addition to inter-agency transfer agreements with other fixed-route bus operators (and the Metro Gold Line); the City has been approached by Access Service Inc. to enter into a transfer agreement. Access Service Inc. operates the county-wide paratransit program in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). This service provides an alternative means of transportation to individuals who, because of their disability, cannot use fixed-route bus service. The City of Pasadena, as an operator of fixed-route bus service, is a member of Access Services Inc. Access Services Inc (ASI) has requested that the City allow their clients to show an ASI identification card to board any ARTS bus in lieu of a cash fare. ASI will then reimburse the City based on ridership counts of boardings.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There will be minimal fiscal impact to proceed with the inter-agency agreements. The cost of issuing transfers was included in the operating expenses for the ARTS program. The cost to administer the agreement with ASI is anticipated to be less than \$1,500 annually. ASI will reimburse the City for each trip taken by an ASI Qualified Rider using the ASI ID cards as fare media. Such reimbursement shall be in accordance with City's fare rate schedule for persons with disabilities. It is difficult to estimate how many ASI clients will take advantage of this agreement; therefore, it is difficult to estimate the revenue that may be generated by the agreement.

The recommended transfer agreements are in conformance with the general fee schedule for the ARTS program approved by the City Council.

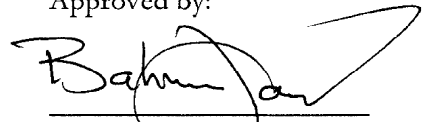
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