

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: November 24, 2008

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Authorization to Enter into a Contract Extension with First Transit for the Operation of the Pasadena Area Rapid Transit System (ARTS) and Pasadena Dial-A-Ride from December 1, 2008 through January 31, 2009

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the execution of a contract extension with First Transit to continue operation of the Pasadena Area Rapid Transit System (ARTS) and Pasadena Dial-A-Ride from December 1, 2008 through January 31, 2009 for an amount not to exceed \$763,000.

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.

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 from these funds will not occur 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 for the City Council to consider the proposed changes before a new contract award can be considered.

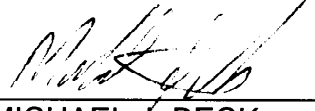
The current contract with First Transit expires at the end of November and an extension of the contract from December 1, 2008 through January 31, 2009 is requested to provide an opportunity for the Department of Transportation to work with the Finance Department and the City Council to identify the funds to support the proposed service contract.

First Transit has agreed to extend the existing contract for the two month period; however, they have asked for an increase in the hourly rate of three percent. The current hourly rate is \$53.83 for the ARTS and \$54.17 for DAR; the new rates will increase to \$55.44 for ARTS and \$55.80 for DAR.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Sufficient funds are available in the Transportation budget to support the two month extension of the contract for an amount not to exceed \$763,000.

Respectfully submitted,



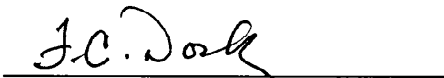
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Frederick C. Dock, Director
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City of Pasadena Taxpayer Protection Amendment
Pasadena City Charter, Article XVII**

Contractor/Organization hereby discloses its trustees, directors, partners, officers, and those with more than 10% equity, participation, or revenue interest in Contractor/Organization, as follows:

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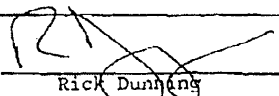
1. Contractor/Organization Name: First Transit, Inc.

2. Type of Entity:
 non-government nonprofit 501(c)(3), (4), or (6)

3. Name(s) of trustees, directors, partners, officers of Contractor/Organization:

Michael Murray
Carry Paster
Linda Bell
Christian Gartner
Janet Neidhard
Brian Beecham
Beverly Wyckoff
Michael Petrucci
Bruce Rasch
Susan Whittaker

4. Names of those with more than a 10% equity, participation or revenue interest in Contractor/Organization:

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