

# Agenda Report

December 13, 2010

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Department of Transportation

**SUBJECT:** Authorization to Execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) for the Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant Program

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the execution of the Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant Program Memorandum of Understanding with Metro is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b) (3);
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Metro for the Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant Program for funding generated by reporting Pasadena Area Rapid Transit System data for Fiscal Year 2008; and further authorize the City Manager to enter into future MOUs for data reported in Fiscal Year 2009 and Fiscal Year 2010. The City is eligible to receive \$322,454 from the Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant Program funds for data reported in Fiscal Year 2008; an invoice for these funds must be submitted to Metro by June 30, 2011.

## **BACKGROUND:**

In Fiscal Year 2001 the Department of Public Works & Transportation (now the Department of Transportation) began collecting and reporting financial and operating statistics for the Pasadena Area Rapid Transit System (ARTS) to Metro under the Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant Program. For the past nine years the Department of Transportation has collected and submitted National Transit Data statistics through Metro to the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA). Metro reports data collected from approximately a dozen Local Return Transit Operators to the FTA and receives federal funding based on the data. Metro uses Proposition A Discretionary funds to reimburse the Local Return Transit Operators. This program increases the amount of federal funding to the region and allows Local Return Transit Operators an opportunity to receive regional money for transit services.

**COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:**

The proposed action is consistent with the following goal of the Strategic Plan: Maintain Fiscal Responsibility and Stability – the MOU enables the City to invoice Metro for funding under the Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Program; these funds are used by the ARTS.

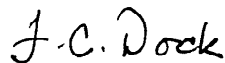
**ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

The project has been reviewed for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and is exempt per Section 15061 (b) (3). The project is covered by the general rule that CEQA only applies to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. The proposed project is the continuation of existing service operated by the ARTS and will not result in any expansion or any change of service and there will not be a significant effect on the environment.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The ARTS program is funded through Proposition C Sales Tax, Fund 209. The program's Fiscal Year 2011 budget includes the \$322,454 in anticipated revenue (Fund 209, Revenue Account 6547) that this MOU will generate.

Respectfully submitted,



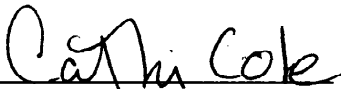
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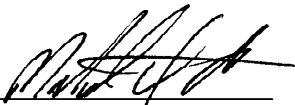
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