

Agenda Report

July 25, 2011

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Department of Transportation
SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF MASTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PASADENA AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR STATE-FUNDED TRANSIT PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the approval of the Master Agreement is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b) (3);
2. Adopt a resolution approving Master Agreement 64A0056A01 between the City of Pasadena and the State of California, acting through the California Department of Transportation, for State transportation projects. The Master Agreement has a term of ten years.

BACKGROUND:

The State of California, acting through the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), administers certain State transportation funds. These funding sources include State Transportation Improvement Program, Traffic Congestion Relief Program, Proposition 108, Proposition 116, State Highway Account, General Fund and Public Transportation Account funds. In September 2001, the City Council approved by resolution the initial Master Agreement with Caltrans that enables the City to receive Traffic Congestion Relief funds for the purchase of buses. To obtain new funds for specific projects under these funding sources and to maintain compliance for projects purchased with the use of these funds, it is necessary to update the existing master agreement entered into in 2001.

While the Department of Transportation does not have any pending funding agreements; the City has received funds in the past for the purchase of transit vehicles and, if new funding opportunities become available, having the agreement in place will allow the City of Pasadena to receive the funds in a timely fashion.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

Renewing the Master Agreement with Caltrans is in keeping with the City's General Plan Mobility Element. The Mobility Element notes that in order to implement many of the

programs necessary to encourage non-auto travel it is important to partner with other agencies for capital grant funding opportunities. With a Master Agreement in place, the City can continue to work with Caltrans on grant opportunities for the purchase of buses to maintain both the Pasadena Area Rapid Transit System (ARTS) and the Pasadena Dial-A-Ride (DAR) services.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The proposed action to approve a Master Agreement between the City of Pasadena and the State of California has been determined to be exempt from CEQA per Section 15061 (b) (3), the General Rule. The activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA only applies to projects that have a potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. The proposed action is an administrative function to allow the City of Pasadena to continue to apply for future grant funding opportunities with the State of California. There are no specific projects known or proposed at this time. This action is only the mechanism to allow for grant applications for the next ten years.

FISCAL IMPACT:

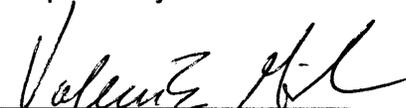
There is no fiscal impact as a result of this action and this action will not have any indirect or support cost requirements. There is no anticipated impact to other operational programs or capital projects as a result of this action. However, the Master Agreement with Caltrans is a prerequisite for the receipt of State transportation funds for future projects.

Respectfully submitted,



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City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA
AUTHORIZING THE ENTRY INTO A MASTER AGREEMENT AND PROGRAM
SUPPLEMENTS FOR STATE-FUNDED TRANSIT PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, the City of Pasadena may receive state funding from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) now or sometime in the future for transit projects; and

WHEREAS, substantial revisions were made to the programming and funding process for the transportation projects programmed in the State Transportation Improvement Program, by Chapter 622 (SB 45) of the Statutes of 1997; and

WHEREAS, the statutes related to state-funded transit projects require a local or regional implementing agency to execute a Master Agreement with the State of California, acting through Caltrans, before it can be reimbursed for project expenditures; and

WHEREAS, Caltrans utilizes Master Agreements for state-funded transit projects, along with associated Program Supplements, for the purpose of administering and reimbursing state transit funds to local agencies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pasadena wishes to delegate authorization to execute the Master Agreement and any amendments thereto to the City Manager or his designee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Pasadena that the City of Pasadena agrees to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the Master Agreement with Caltrans and with all applicable statutes, regulations and guidelines for all state-funded transit projects; and

That City Manager, or his designee, is authorized to execute the Master Agreement and all Program Supplements for state-funded transit projects and any amendments thereto with Caltrans

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Pasadena on the _____ day of _____, 2011 by the following votes:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

MARK JOMSKY
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

 7/21/11

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