

Agenda Report

July 25, 2011

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Department of Transportation
**SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR SUB-REGIONAL
PARATRANSIT SERVICES WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the City's continued participation in the sub-regional paratransit service program is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b) (3); and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute a five year Memorandum of Understanding with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) for continued participation in the Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant Program for Sub-Regional Paratransit Services.

BACKGROUND:

Since 1991 the City of Pasadena, as the lead agency, has partnered with the City of San Marino and Los Angeles County to provide Dial-A-Ride services for residents who are 60 years of age or older or who have a disability that prevents them from using regular fixed route public transit services. The three agencies, working together, qualify for special grant funding from Metro under the Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant Program for Sub-Regional Paratransit Services.

The most recent five year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) expired on June 30, 2011; the new MOU will cover Fiscal Year 2012 through 2016. For each fiscal year, Metro will allocate the City of Pasadena, as the lead agency, a share of the Program Funds pursuant to the Annual Fund mark for the fiscal year approved by the Metro Board. The Department of Transportation anticipates that in Fiscal Year 2012 the City will receive approximately \$237,200 from this grant program to support the City's Dial-A-Ride program.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

Renewing the MOU with Metro 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 funding opportunities. The MOU with Metro ensures grant funding for the City's Dial-A-Ride program.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The proposed action to approve a MOU between the City of Pasadena and Metro 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 receive grant funds from Metro for the operation of the City's Dial-A-Ride program. There are no proposed changes to the existing Dial-A-Ride program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

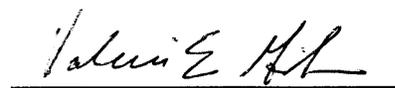
The City's Fiscal Year 2012 Budget includes approximately \$237,200 in revenue anticipated from the Metro Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant Program. In order to receive these funds the City must execute the MOU with Metro.

Respectfully submitted,



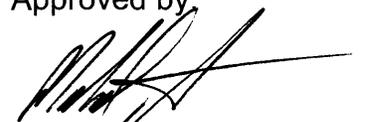
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