

# Agenda Report

December 3, 2012

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Department of Transportation

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL AGREEMENTS WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY ASSOCIATED WITH THE RECEIPT OF GRANT FUNDING AND THE IMPLEMENTATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION SECTION 5316 JOB ACCESS AND REVERSE COMMUTE PROGRAM TO INCREASE LOCAL TRANSIT CAPACITY FOR IMPROVED JOBS ACCESS IN NORTHWEST PASADENA**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the following proposed actions are exempt from review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), Guidelines in accordance with Title 14, Chapter 3, Section 15301 (Existing Facilities); and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute all agreements with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) associated with the receipt of grant funding and the implementation and management of the program respectively.

## **BACKGROUND:**

This program will be funded through a \$1,987,285 grant from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) awarded to the City of Pasadena through the Jobs Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) program. The grant funds will be administered through Metro, who is the designated recipient for these federal funds. There are no local funds required as match for this grant project. The project will add capacity to the Pasadena Area Rapid Transit System (ARTS) Route 20 by purchasing a 32-foot bus and by adding service-hours on the Route 20 through additional operating funds for three years. This program will increase the frequency of this route from every 35 minutes to every 24 minutes. The Route 20 is the most heavily used route in the system. Attachment A shows a map of this route.

The project meets the goal of the JARC Program to improve access to transportation services to employment and employment-related activities for low income individuals. The target population served by this program is Northwest Pasadena, as well as the West Altadena community which borders Pasadena along the city's northern border. This area has the highest rates of poverty and unemployment in the city.

The project will build much needed capacity into Route 20, resulting in more frequent service for residents of Northwest Pasadena community needing to travel to or look for work. More than half of the route travels through this community on both Fair Oaks Avenue and Lake Avenue, the two most heavily traveled north/south corridors in the city, making it one of the key transportation lifelines for the Northwest community. Route 20 connects this area to the major employers, business districts and commercial corridors of Pasadena. It is an integral link to an extensive local and regional transit network, providing numerous transfer opportunities to other transit services including eight regional bus lines on Colorado Boulevard and the Metro Gold Line. As part of this local and regional transit network, Route 20 serves the Northwest residents with vital accessibility to jobs.

**COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:**

This JARC funded program to increase local transit capacity for improved jobs access in Northwest Pasadena supports the following goals of the City Council Strategic Plan: Improve, Maintain and Enhance Public Facilities and Infrastructure, Improve Mobility and Accessibility throughout the City, and Support and Promote the Quality of Life and Local Economy. This program will improve and support transit use on the ARTS by providing additional service capacity and frequency and will improve access to transportation services to employment and employment-related activities for low income individuals living in Pasadena.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

The implementation of the JARC funded program has been determined to be categorically exempt in accordance with Title 14, Chapter 3, Section 15301, (Existing Facilities) of CEQA Guidelines. Section 15301 allows for the maintenance, repair, minor alteration, etc., of existing facilities that involves negligible or no expansion of use. The additional bus and capacity has been determined to be a negligible expansion of the existing use.

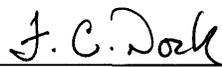
**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The entire cost of the program will be funded through a \$1,987,285 FTA Section 5316 JARC grant; the funds will be administered by Metro on a reimbursement basis. \$1,580,118 of these funds will support operating the additional service and \$407,167 of capital funds will be used to purchase a new bus and equipment for the bus. The anticipated expenses of \$38,454 in Fiscal Year 2013 will be absorbed in the existing operating budget. There is no local match requirement from the City of Pasadena for these funds.

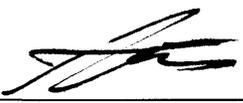
The following table presents a summary of anticipated grant funded expenses by fiscal year.

	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	Total
<b>Marketing</b>	\$11,250	\$ 36,000	\$ 13,875	\$ 13,875	\$ 75,000
<b>Bus Purch/Equipt</b>		\$407,167			\$ 407,167
<b>Bus Lease</b>		\$ 72,000			\$ 72,000
<b>Operating/Fuel</b>		\$401,007	\$417,047	\$433,706	\$1,251,760
<b>Personnel</b>	\$27,204	\$ 87,052	\$ 33,551	\$ 33,551	\$ 181,359
<b>Total Project Cost</b>					<b>\$1,987,285</b>

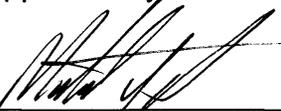
Respectfully submitted,

  
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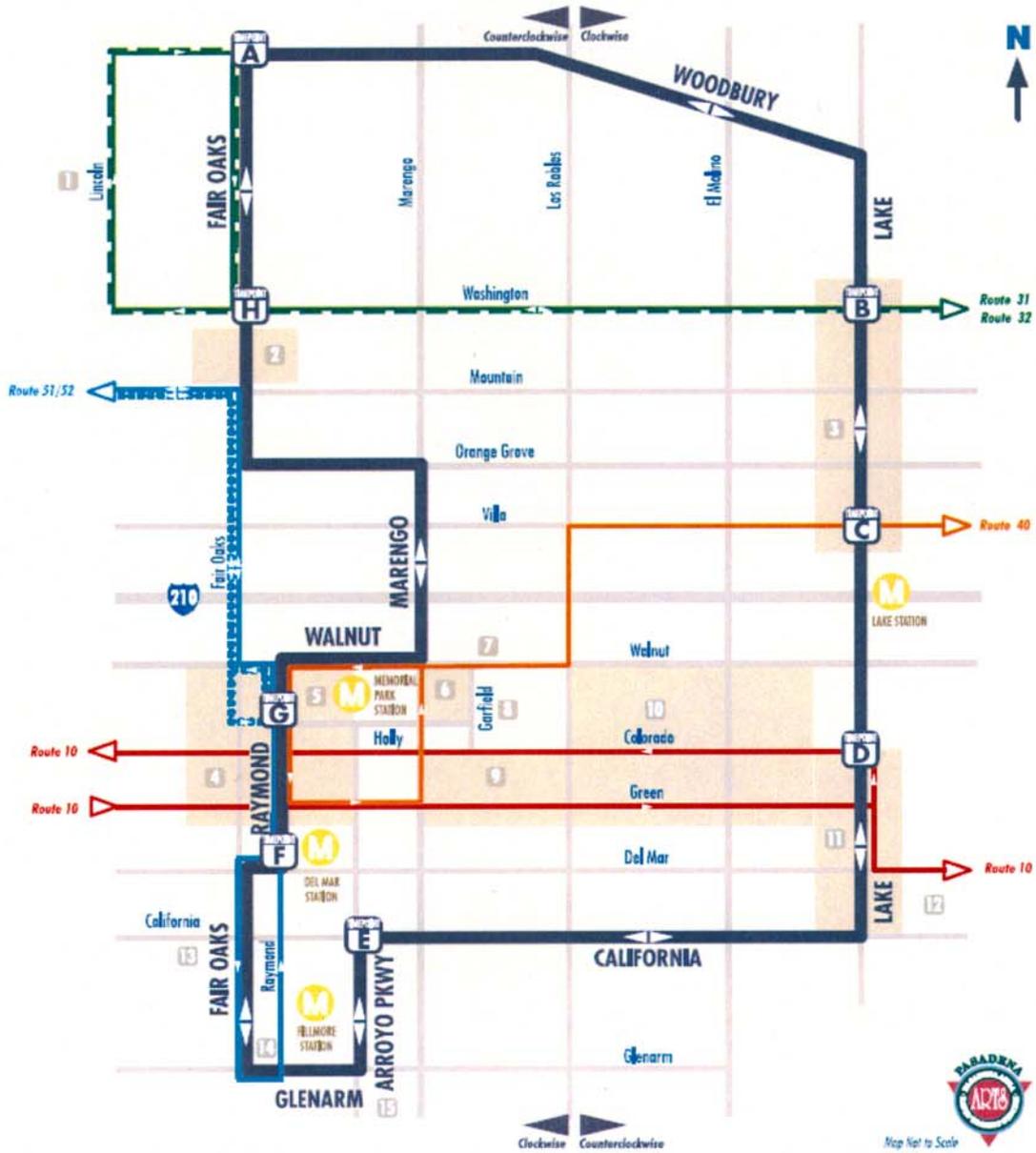
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# Attachment A



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## PASADENA ARTS

Area Rapid Transit System

ROUTES	TIME POINTS	RAIL	POINTS OF INTEREST
RT 10	Washbury & Fair Oaks	Metrolink	1 Mar High School
RT 20	Lake & Washington	MTRC	2 Jackie Robinson Park/Field
RT 31	Lake & Villa	Gold Line	3 N. Lake Business District
RT 32	Lake & Colorado	Station	4 El Pasadense
RT 40	Arroyo Pkwy & California		5 Pasadena Senior Center
RT 51/52	Raymond & Del Mar Station		6 Civic Center
RT 51	Raymond & Holly		7 Central Library
	Fair Oaks & Washington		8 City Hall
			9 Piero Colorado/Pasadena Convention Center
			10 Playhouse District
			11 S. Lake Business District
			12 California Institute of Technology (Caltech)
			13 Huntington Mem. Hospital
			14 Art Center College of Design South Campus
			15 Mar High School