

Agenda Report

May 19, 2014

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 (MOU) with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) 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 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 2011; the City is eligible to receive \$219,256 for the current fiscal year; signed authorization of this MOU must be submitted to Metro by June 30, 2014 and an invoice must be submitted by December 31, 2014; and
- 3. Authorize the City Manager to execute future anticipated MOU's with Metro for subsequent annual funding marks for the Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant Program.

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 the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) under the Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant Program. Since this time, the Department of Transportation has collected and submitted National Transit Database (NTD) statistics annually 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

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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 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) enables the City to invoice the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) for funding under the Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Program; these funds are used by the Pasadena Area Rapid Transit System (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 an MOU to allow Metro to reimburse the City with Proposition A funds for local transit operations related to the continuation of existing service operated by the Pasadena Area Rapid Transit System (ARTS). The MOU will not result in any significant change in services or physical changes in the environment.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Pasadena Area Rapid Transit System (ARTS) program is funded primarily through Proposition C Sales Tax, Fund 209. The program's Fiscal Year 2014 budget includes the \$219,256 in anticipated revenue (Fund 209, Revenue Account 6547) that this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will generate.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK C. DOCK

Director

Department of Transportation

Prepared by:

Valerie Gibson Transit Manager

Approved by:

C.A. MICHAEL J. BECK City Manager

PROPOSITION A DISCRETIONARY INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR COLLECTING AND REPORTING DATA FOR THE NATIONAL TRANSIT DATABASE FOR REPORT YEAR 2011

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into as of May 22, 2013 by and between Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority ("LACMTA") and the Pasadena (the "City").

WHEREAS, on November 14, 1980, the voters of the County of Los Angeles approved by majority vote Proposition A, an ordinance establishing a one-half percent sales tax for public transit purposes; and

WHEREAS, at its September 26, 2001 meeting, the LACMTA authorized payment of Proposition A Discretionary Incentive funds to each participating agency in an amount equal to the Federal funds generated for the region by each agency's reported data; and

WHEREAS, at its June 20, 2012 meeting, LACMTA approved the FY 2012-13 transit fund allocations, which included funds to make payments to all cities that voluntarily reported NTD data for FY 2010-11; and

WHEREAS, the City has been a participant in LACMTA's Consolidated National Transit Database (NTD) Reporters Random Sampling Program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2010-11and has voluntarily submitted NTD data to the LACMTA for FY 2010-11which successfully passed independent audit without findings; and

WHEREAS, the City has requested funds under the Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Program for collecting and reporting data for the NTD from the FY 2010-11Report Year (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, at its April 22, 2010 meeting, LACMTA approved the status of the City as "Tier 2 Operator" to receive Proposition A Growth Over Inflation (GOI) funds for three years beginning FY2011 to FY2013, which shall reduce the Project funds by the same ratio as of the actual Proposition A GOI funding made available over the full amount of Proposition A GOI funds; and

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2013, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) published in the Federal Register the FY 2012-13 Apportionments, Allocations, and Program Information including unit values for the data reported to the NTD; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to agree on the terms and conditions for payment for the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, LACMTA and the City hereby agree to the following terms and procedures:

ARTICLE 1. TERM

1.0 This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") will be in effect from July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2014 at which time all unused funds shall lapse.

ARTICLE 2. STANDARDS

- 2.0 To receive payment for the submittal of the FY 2010-11 NTD statistics, the City warrants that it:
 - A. Adhered to the Federal Guidelines for collecting and Reporting NTD statistics;
 - B. Prepared and submitted the FY 2010-11 **ANNUAL NTD REPORT** of the City's fixed-route and/or demand response transit service to the LACMTA on or before **September 30, 2011**;
 - C. Allowed the LACMTA to assign an independent auditor to review the submitted FY 2010-11 NTD statistics for conformity in all material respects with the accounting requirements of the FTA as set forth in its applicable Uniform System of Accounts.

ARTICLE 3. PAYMENT OF FUNDS TO CITY

3.0 LACMTA shall pay the City for collecting and reporting FY 2010-11 NTD statistics. LACMTA shall pay the City for submitting the FY 2010-11 **ANNUAL NTD REPORT** for the applicable transit services as follows:

MOTOR BUS SERVICE

For City's motor bus service, LACMTA shall pay an amount equal to the 593,831 revenue vehicle miles reported by the City multiplied by the FTA unit value of \$.4133927 per revenue vehicle mile, plus the 3,729,471 passenger miles reported by the City squared, divided by the \$3,541,065 operating cost reported by the City, multiplied by the FTA unit value of \$.0090958 less the cost of the \$12,593 in audits paid by LACMTA, and less the \$49,364 Tier 2 Operators' deduction. See Attachment A for detail.

3.1 The City shall submit one invoice to LACMTA prior to December 31, 2014, in the amount of \$219,256 in order to receive its payment described above.

3.2 INVOICE BY CITY:

Send invoice with supporting documentation to:

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Accounts Payable P. O. Box 512296 Los Angeles, CA 90051-0296 accountspayable@metro.net

Re: LACMTA MOU# MOU.PAIPAS13 M.S. Pari Ahmadi (99-24-4)

ARTICLE 4. CONDITIONS

- 4.0 The City agrees to comply with all requirements specified by the FTA guidelines for reporting NTD statistics.
- 4.1 The City understands and agrees that LACMTA shall have no liability in connection with the City's use of the funds. The City shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless LACMTA and its officers, agents, and employees from and against any and all liability and expenses including defense costs and legal fees and claims for damages of any nature whatsoever, arising out of any act or omission of the City, its officers, agents, employees, and subcontractors in performing the services under this MOU.
- 4.2 The City is not a contractor, agent or employee of LACMTA. The City shall not represent itself as a contractor, agent or employee of LACMTA and shall have no power to bind LACMTA in contract or otherwise.
- 4.3 The City agrees that expenditure of the Proposition A Discretionary Incentive funds will be used for projects that meet the eligibility, administrative, audit and lapsing requirements of the Proposition A and Proposition C Local Return guidelines most recently adopted by the LACMTA Board.
- 4.4 These expenditures will be subject to AUDIT as part of LACMTA's annual Consolidated Audit.

ARTICLE 5. REMEDIES

5.0 LACMTA reserves the right to terminate this MOU and withhold or recoup funds if it determines that the City has not met the requirements specified by the FTA for collecting and submitting NTD statistics through LACMTA.

ARTICLE 6. MISCELLANEOUS

6.0 This MOU constitutes the entire understanding between the parties, with respect to the subject matter herein.

6.1 The MOU shall not be amended, nor any provisions or breach hereof waived, except in writing signed by the parties who agreed to the original MOU or the same level of authority.

ARTICLE 7. CONTACT INFORMATION

7.0 LACMTA's Address:

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority One Gateway Plaza Los Angeles, CA 90012 Attention: Pari Ahmadi (99-24-4)

7.1 City's Address:

Pasadena 221 East Walnut Street, Suite 199 Pasadena,CA 91101 Attn: Valerie Gibson vgibson@cityofpasadena.net IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City and LACMTA have caused this MOU to be executed by their duly authorized representatives on the date noted below:

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Date:	Date:
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