

Agenda Report

April 25, 2022

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Municipal Services Committee (4/12/2022)

FROM: Department of Transportation

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE TRANSIT MUTUAL ASSISTANCE COMPACT (TransMAC)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

- Find that the following proposed actions are exempt from review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b) (3); and
- Authorize the City Manager to enter into a reciprocal agreement for mutual assistance for public transportation services known as the California Transit Mutual Assistance Compact (TransMAC).

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

After reviewing and discussing the California Transit Mutual Assistance Compact (TransMAC), the Municipal Services Committee passed the following motion:

- Support staff's recommendation to authorize the City Manager to enter into a reciprocal agreement for mutual assistance for public transportation services known as the California Transit Mutual Assistance Compact (TransMAC).

BACKGROUND:

The California Statewide Transit Mutual Assistance Compact (TransMAC) is an emergency mutual assistance agreement for public transit providers modeled on the same type of mutual aid agreement used by law enforcement, fire and utilities. Recognizing that emergencies and other events may overwhelm the resources and capabilities of transit agencies, and that transit agencies may require assistance in the

form of personnel, services, and equipment to continue to deliver critical services, this mutual aid agreement effort was initiated in 2010 via a coordinated effort between the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), and the California Emergency Management Agency, among others. To date 22 transit agencies are members of TransMAC, as shown in the table below.

TransMAC Member Agencies – April 2022	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro)• SunLine Transit Agency• Antelope Valley Transit Authority• Anaheim Transportation Network• City of Montebello• Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)• Foothill Transit• City of Commerce• City of Santa Monica• North County Transit District (NCTD)• City of Corona	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT)• Omnitrans• City of Gardena• City of Culver City• Access Services• Palos Verdes Peninsula Transit Authority• City of Norwalk• Ventura County Transportation Commission• Valley Express• Thousand Oaks Transit• Gold Coast Transit

Per the TransMAC Agreement, member agencies coordinate response activities and share resources when deemed to be necessary or advisable in an emergency. A qualifying emergency can be any circumstance in which the demand for transit resources exceed those available to the member agency and it does not require formal declaration of an emergency. The Agreement facilitates rapid, short-term deployment of emergency support (personnel, equipment, materials and related services) prior to, during and/or after an incident or pre-planned major event.

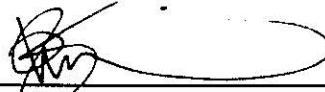
TransMAC and its members have established a formal process to receive and provide mutual assistance to each other in the form of personnel, services, and equipment as deemed necessary or advisable in an emergency. The California Transit Mutual Assistance Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions under which members agree to provide or receive mutual assistance and establishes the framework for activation, withdrawal, member responsibilities, reimbursement, documentation, legal and liability issues. TransMAC does not require any member to deplete its own resources to furnish mutual assistance.

Mutual assistance shall be given when the providing member, at its sole discretion, determines that its own needs can be met while providing mutual assistance. Executing the Agreement does not compel the City of Pasadena to provide any transit resources at the time of an emergency; it merely indicates a willingness to do so and abide by the procedures set out in the Agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact as a result of executing the agreement and no indirect or support cost requirements.

Respectfully submitted,



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