



# Agenda Report

April 8, 2024

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Department of Transportation

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (METRO) FOR RECEIPT OF FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) SECTION 5310 GRANT FUNDING OF \$1,050,000 FOR THE PASADENA DIAL-A-RIDE AGING VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense exemption) that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute any and all agreements with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) associated with the receipt of \$1,050,000 in reimbursable Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant funding for implementation of the City of Pasadena Dial-A-Ride Aging Vehicle Replacement Project (75086).

## **BACKGROUND:**

Pasadena Dial-A-Ride is a shared curb-to-curb transportation service for residents living within the Pasadena Dial-A-Ride service area who are at least 60 years old or have a disability that prevents them from being able to use regular fixed route transit services. The City's Pasadena Dial-A-Ride fleet is made up of 15 vehicles.

The FTA Section 5310 is a grant program for the purpose of assisting in meeting the transportation needs of older adults and people with disabilities. Metro, as the direct recipient of these funds, issued a grant solicitation to competitively award these funds to services in Los Angeles County. The City applied and was awarded funds to replace the seven Pasadena Dial-A-Ride vehicles that have exceeded their useful life. These

aging vehicles will be replaced with seven new zero-emission vehicles of the same type and size. The vehicles proposed to be replaced are 20-foot, fully accessible, unleaded fuel Class B cutaways (shuttle style) that have a capacity of 16 seated passengers or up to four wheelchairs and six seated passengers.

The grant funding from the FTA 5310 program will help implement the City's adopted Zero-Emission Bus Rollout Plan to transition the City's transit fleet to zero-emission. This grant plays a vital role in partially funding the procurement of seven battery electric cutaways. By securing this funding, the City aims to modernize its transportation fleet, incorporating environmentally friendly and efficient vehicles. This investment aligns with the City's commitment to sustainable and accessible public transportation.

Staff anticipates returning for City Council consideration to purchase these seven vehicles next fiscal year with funds that will be expended in Fiscal Year 2026.

### **COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:**

The proposed action is consistent with the Council-adopted Zero-Emission Bus Rollout Plan and aligns with the goals of the Strategic Plan. Specifically, it contributes to the goals of improving, maintaining, and enhancing public facilities and infrastructure, increasing conservation and sustainability, and improving mobility and accessibility throughout the City. This action provides funding to enhance Pasadena Dial-A-Ride services by minimizing service interruptions caused by the deteriorating condition of the aging Dial-A-Ride vehicles in the fleet.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense exemption) that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment. The proposed action facilitates the replacement of existing transit facilities, namely seven Pasadena Dial-A-Ride vehicles, with seven new vehicles of the same type and size and introduces a crucial element of sustainability.

The incorporation of zero-emission technology aligns with the City's commitment to environmental responsibility. By opting for cleaner, greener transportation option, this action will fund the replacement of seven aging vehicles and promotes a significant improvement in the environmental impact of the Pasadena Dial-A-Ride service. This integration of eco-friendly technology underscores the City's dedication to reducing its carbon footprint and contributing to a more sustainable future.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**


Approval of this action will enable the City to obtain \$1,050,000 in reimbursable grant funds through Metro to replace seven Pasadena Dial-A-Ride vehicles that have exceeded their useful life in support of the City's Dial-A-Ride Aging Vehicle Replacement Project (75086). The City's required one-time local match is \$55,264. The grant funding of

\$1,050,000 and the one-time local match of \$55,264 will be budgeted in the Fiscal Year 2025 - 2029 Capital Improvement Program.

The following table presents a summary of the proposed source of funds that will be used.

Proposition A Local Return Fund 208 (Local Match)	\$ 55,264
Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Funds	\$ 1,050,000
Total Sources	\$ 1,105,264


Respectfully submitted,

  
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