

Agenda Report

April 25, 2016

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Department of Transportation
SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE PROPOSITION A DISCRETIONARY INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM FOR SUB-REGIONAL PARATRANSIT SERVICES

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 Interim City Manager to execute a five year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) 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 Los Angeles County and the City of San Marino to provide Pasadena 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 current five year MOU will expire on June 30, 2016; the new MOU will cover Fiscal Year 2017 through 2021. 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 Transit Fund Allocations approved by the Metro Board. The Department of Transportation anticipates that in Fiscal Year 2017 the City will receive approximately \$356,939 from this grant program to support the City's Dial-A-Ride program, which accounts for 17% of the funding for the projected program cost of \$2,096,085. As shown in the table below, of

the 77,583 total Dial-A-Ride passenger trips last year, 10,005 (13%) were by customers who live in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County that are served by the program, 447 (.5%) were by customers who live in San Marino, and 67,131 (86.5%) were Pasadena residents.

DIAL-A-RIDE RIDERSHIP (Fiscal Year 2015)

Area Served	Passenger Trips	Percent of Total
Pasadena	67,131	86.5%
Unincorporated LA County (Altadena, Kinneloa, Chapman Woods, East San Gabriel)	10,005	13%
San Marino	447	.5%
Total	77,583	100%

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

The proposed action is consistent with the following goals of the Strategic Plan: Maintain Fiscal Responsibility and Stability. Renewing the MOU with Metro is also in keeping with the City's General Plan Mobility Element, which states 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 under the Incentive Program 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:

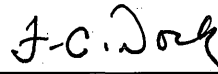
Pasadena Dial-A-Ride is primarily funded through Proposition A Sales Tax, Fund 208. The Department of Transportation's Fiscal Year 2017 Recommended Budget for Dial-A-Ride is \$2,096,085 in account 20824034. The table below is a summary of anticipated Fiscal Year 2017 revenues for this program, which includes the \$356,939 in revenue from the Metro Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant Program.

DIAL-A-RIDE PROGRAM FUNDING

Revenue Account	Fund Source	Amount	% of Program Funding
20824035-652600	Proposition A Sales Tax	\$1,524,146	73%
20824034-654700	Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant Program for Sub-Regional Paratransit Services	\$356,939	17%
20824034-702100	Los Angeles County and San Marino Dial-A-Ride Reimbursement	\$172,000	8%
20824034-706400	Farebox Revenue	\$43,000	2%
Total		\$2,096,085	100%

The Metro Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant Program aids in funding the operating costs for the entire Dial-A-Ride program, including paratransit services to these Los Angeles County and San Marino residents. To receive these funds the City must execute the MOU with Metro. No budget appropriation is requested at this time.

Respectfully submitted,



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