

**City of Culver City, California
Agenda Item Report**

Meeting Date: 12/09/2013		Item Number: C-7	
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM: Approval of a Reciprocal Agreement for Mutual Support for Transportation Services Known as the California Transit Mutual Assistance Compact (TransMAC).			
Contact Person/Dept.: Art Ida / Transportation		Phone Number: 310-253-6545	
Fiscal Impact: Yes ☐ No ☒		General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☒	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☐ Attachments: ☐	
Commission Action Required: Yes ☐ No ☒			
Public Notification: Agenda and Meetings – City Council (12/03/13)			
Department Approval: Art Ida (11/27/13)		City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by H. Baker) (12/02/13)	
Chief Financial Officer Approval: Jeff Muir (by M. Noller) (12/03/13)		City Manager Approval: John M. Nachbar (12/03/13)	
<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Staff recommends the City Council approve a reciprocal agreement for mutual support for transit services known as the California Transit Mutual Assistance Compact (TransMAC). <u>BACKGROUND:</u> Culver CityBus provides public transit services to 5.6 million passengers per year. In order to better prepare Culver CityBus to respond to and recover from emergencies and disasters while fulfilling its obligation to provide essential services to the community, or assist its other public transit providers in doing the same, a formal mutual assistance agreement for public transit agencies has been developed over the past three years with wide participation from transit providers, emergency management agencies, and legal counsels in California, including the State of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES). The resulting California Transit Mutual Assistance Compact (TransMAC) is similar to those that have existed and been tested in other disciplines for many decades (e.g. law enforcement, fire service, public works and utilities). TransMAC provides maximum flexibility to take advantage of our interconnected nature, our collective voice, and each Agency's individual capabilities. Meanwhile, it ensures each agency maintains control over its assets and is appropriately protected, ultimately enhancing the collective ability to provide service to the public and support public safety missions without interruption in the case of emergency.			

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DISCUSSION:

TransMAC will help Culver CityBus forge a formal, mutually beneficial relationship with other public transit providers for emergency situations. TransMAC facilitates rapid, short-term deployment of emergency support (personnel, equipment, materials and other associated services) prior to, during, and/or after an incident or pre-planned event amongst its membership. TransMAC also establishes the framework for activation, withdrawal, member responsibilities, reimbursement, documentation, legal and liability issues; yet provides great flexibility for members to negotiate terms appropriate to the situation at the time of activation.

During the response to, and the period of recovery from, an emergency that may impact our operations or other event, it may be necessary for the Transportation Department to sustain and rebuild its operation quickly in order to maintain essential services and support other agencies. The City Council has vested certain emergency powers in the City Manager, the Assistant City Manager, and Department Heads to enter into contracts required to obtain any necessary goods and services to allow the Transportation Department (and the City organization as a whole) to begin the rebuilding process as identified in California Public Utilities Code Section 130051.9. Such emergency authorities are reflected in TransMAC.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

There is no fiscal impact to the City as a result of entering into the proposed Agreement; receipt of assistance from another transit agency in the event of an emergency will also carry no fiscal impact. At the time of a request to Culver City from another transit agency for emergency response services, fiscal as well as logistical impacts to Culver CityBus will be identified, and the determination to implement response will be made on a case-by-case basis. No General Fund monies would be utilized in this process.

ATTACHMENTS:

None.

MOTION:

That the City Council:

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1. Approve a Reciprocal Agreement for Mutual Support for Transportation Services Known as the California Transit Mutual Assistance Compact (TransMAC);
2. Authorize the City Attorney to review/prepare the necessary documents; and,
3. Authorize the City Manager to execute such documents on behalf of the City.