

City of Culver City, California
City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: 11/10/08		Item Number: <u>A-9</u>	
AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of the Culver CityBus Short Range Transit Plan for FY 2009-2011.			
Contact Person/Dept.: Grace Eng Nadel/ Transportation		Phone Number: 310-253-6543	
Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐		General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☒	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☒ Attachments: ☒	
Public Notification: Master E-Mail Notification List (11/05/08).			
Department Approval: Art Ida (10/29/08)		City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by H. Baker) (11/03/08)	
Chief Financial Officer Approval: Jeff Muir (by M. Noller) (11/3/08)		City Manager Approval: Jerry B. Fulwood (11/05/08)	
<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Staff recommends the Culver City City Council ("The Council") approve the FY 2009-2011 Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP.) <u>BACKGROUND:</u> The Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) is the annual planning and policy document that establishes performance goals and objectives, enhancements, and a financial plan for Culver CityBus over the next three years. This policy document is instrumental in providing the Transportation Department with a guide for the near future. The SRTP will be submitted to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro). Metro incorporates the documents from all of the local transit agencies into the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP), which is the regional planning and funding document submitted to the State Department of Transportation and the Federal Transit Administration. <u>DISCUSSION:</u> The SRTP outlines the Council's approved enhancements and budget for FY 2009/2010 including the Bus Rapid Transit program along Sepulveda Boulevard and the expansion of Line 7 into West Hollywood. In addition, it also discusses the transit planning for projects that will significantly impact transportation around Culver City such as the Exposition Light Rail station, the West Los Angeles College expansion, and the Playa Vista project.			

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FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The projects in FY 2009/2010 are consistent with the projects approved in the City's Budget.

The Financial Plan contained in the SRTP identifies the funding sources for our operating and capital budgets. On the Federal level, earmarks and discretionary capital will be used to complete various projects, such as the purchase of six CNG buses for the Bus Rapid Transit program. State and local transportation revenues that are to be allocated to Culver City were approved by the Metro Board. These funds are based on a County formula among the transit agencies. Metro holds and allocates the County funds according to the amounts approved by the Metro Board.

The uncertainty of transportation funds in the State budget has created uncertainty with the amount of state funds that Culver City receives as part of the State Transportation Assistance (STA) program. This has changed significantly from the original STA estimate of \$1.7 million in January 2008 which was approved by the Metro Board for allocation to the local transit agencies. It is anticipated that this change may result in a reduced allocation of less than \$1 million. There will continue to be further discussions with Metro and the other transit agencies regarding the loss of the STA funds with the possibility that Metro may supplement the funds with other County transit reserve funds. The SRTP projects are based on the original STA estimate approved by the Metro Board. Should some or all of the funds not be available in FY 2009/2010, Culver CityBus may have to delay the implementation of expansion projects such as the Bus Rapid Transit program and the expansion of Line 7 unless other revenue sources become available.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Culver CityBus FY 2009 – 2011 Short Range Transit Plan

MOTION:

That the City Council:

1. Approve the Culver CityBus FY 2009-2011 Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP).
2. Authorize the Transportation Director to submit documents and information pertaining to the Short Range Transit Plan, including:

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- a. File and claim funds made available by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Transportation Development Act (TDA), State Transit Assistance Fund (STA), and the Proposition A & C Local Return Programs for transit use only; and
- b. Submit all reports mandated by federal, state, and local law that provide funds to the Culver CityBus Enterprise Fund.