

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

Meeting Date: 6/9/2014		Item Number: <u>C-3</u>	
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM: Approval of a Cooperative Agreement with the County of Los Angeles' Department of Public Works for Paratransit Program Funding for the Period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017			
Contact Person/Dept.: Jane Leonard / Transportation		Phone Number: 310-253-6523	
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 (06/04/14)			
Department Approval: Art Ida (5/20/14)		City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by H. Baker) (06/03/14)	
Chief Financial Officer Approval: Jeff Muir (06/02/14)		City Manager Approval: John M. Nachbar (06/03/14)	
<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Staff recommends the City Council approve a Cooperative Agreement with the County of Los Angeles' Department of Public Works for Paratransit Program funding for services provided to the unincorporated Los Angeles County areas of Ladera Heights, View Park, and Windsor Hills for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017. <u>BACKGROUND:</u> The Culver City Paratransit Program (Program) has been in operation since 1974 and has had a coordinated Paratransit Service Agreement with the County of Los Angeles' Department of Public Works (County) since 1995. The Program had been administered by staff in the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department through Fiscal Year 2011/2012 and is now administered by the Transportation Department. The agreement with the County benefits the City as well as Program participants. It allows the City to request compensation of up to \$18,000 per fiscal year for Program administration. In addition, the agreement provides the City with taxi coupon booklets in association with the County Taxi Coupon Program, through which registered participants may purchase five (5) discounted taxi coupon booklets (a \$50 value) for \$10. Each booklet contains coupons equivalent to \$10 in taxi fare and up to \$10 of discounted taxi coupons that can be used on any one-way trip beginning or ending in Ladera Heights, View Park, and Windsor Hills. Los Angeles County residents age 60 and older automatically qualify to purchase taxi coupon books; those younger than 60 years of age must obtain a signed physician's authorization form and pass a City screening process in order to qualify.			

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DISCUSSION:

The Program is comprised of the Taxi Program, which provides discounted taxi coupons for trips within City boundaries, as well as coupons for trips in the unincorporated areas of the County identified herein. In addition, the Dial-a-Ride Program provides trips to qualified seniors and disabled individuals on a cash donation basis.

The Program has multiple funding sources, including: the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works (LAC-DPW), and locally generated farebox revenue. Since the passage of Proposition A in 1980, Metro has provided Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Program funds to agencies that provide Paratransit services. Agencies having an executed MOU with Metro are authorized to receive a reimbursement of up to 10% for the net cost of the Paratransit Program. Agencies may elect to offer coordinated Paratransit service between jurisdictional areas to receive up to an additional 15%, increasing the Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Program funds reimbursable amount to 25% of the Program's net cost. Since 1994, the City has had an agreement with the LAC-DPW to offer coordinated Paratransit services to qualified eligible residents of the unincorporated Los Angeles County areas of Ladera Heights, View Park, and Windsor Hills, thus qualifying the Program for the additional 15% reimbursement from Metro.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

No General Fund monies are used to support this service. Funding sources for Fiscal Year 2014/2015 include:

Proposition A Incentive Funds	\$ 80,000
Los Angeles County Public Works (via this Agreement)	\$ 18,000
Proposition C Local Return Funds	\$ 200,000
CNG Excise Tax Credit	\$ 1,500
Farebox Revenue projected as follows:	
City Taxi Coupon Program	\$ 5,000
L.A. County Taxi Coupon Program	\$ 500
Dial-a-ride Donations	\$ 4,500

ATTACHMENTS:

None.

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MOTION:

That the City Council:

1. Approve a Cooperative Agreement with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works for Paratransit Program funding for services provided to the unincorporated Los Angeles County areas of View Park, Windsor Hills, and Ladera Heights for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017; and,
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.