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Staff Report

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CC - Authorization of Free Fare Days for Culver CityBus in Association with (1) Bike to Work Day 2017 (May 19, 2017) and (2) National Dump the Pump Day 2017 (June 15, 2017).

Meeting Date: February 27, 2017

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Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐

General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☒

Public Hearing: ☐ **Action Item:** ☐ **Attachments:** ☐

Commission Action Required: Yes ☐ No ☒

Public Notification: (E-Mail) Meetings and Agendas - City Council (02/22/17);

Department Approval: Art Ida, Transportation Director (02/16/17)

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the City Council: (1) authorize a free fare day for passengers boarding Culver CityBus with a bike or bike helmet on the Los Angeles area Bike to Work Day, May 19, 2017, and (2) authorize a free fare day for all passengers boarding Culver CityBus on National Dump the Pump Day, June 15, 2017.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Culver CityBus provides public transit services to over 6 million passengers per year and interfaces with other transit agencies while providing these services throughout the western area of Los Angeles.

May is National Bike Month and Monday, May 15 through Friday, May 19, 2016 is the League of American Bicyclists' National Bike to Work Week. Bike to Work Day on May 19th is just one element of Bike Week L.A., an annual week of community events sponsored by Los Angeles County Metro to promote bicycling as a sustainable and practical transportation mode. Transit agencies nationwide participate by offering free fares to those riders who board the bus, train, and light rail systems with bicycles and/or with a bike helmet to encourage this alternative mode of

transportation.

The first National Dump the Pump Day was organized in June 2006 after gas reached \$2 a gallon - a price considered astonishingly high at the time. Public transit systems and other organizations across the country continue to participate in National Dump the Pump Day to encourage the public to try out public transit - if only for a day - to help reduce commute expenses, protect air quality and reduce congestion. This year, Thursday, June 15th is designated as National Dump the Pump Day. Culver CityBus is proposing to participate by offering free rides to all passengers who board the bus that day.

Culver CityBus partners with other transit agencies in the region be participating in a free fare structure on Bike to Work Day, including Santa Monica's Big Blue Bus, Torrance Transit, Norwalk Transit, the City of Commerce, Beach Cities Transit, Long Beach Transit and L.A. Metro.

By acknowledging Bike to Work Day through free fares to riders who are also using their bikes to commute and travel throughout the area and by recognizing National Dump the Pump Day through free fares for all riders, Culver CityBus is encouraging people to utilize public transit. When people try transit during days when incentives are provided, there is a greater likelihood that they will become long-term transit users. With these efforts, Culver CityBus continues to do its share for clean air and reduce traffic congestion in our region.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Farebox revenue impacts on Bike to Work Day are projected to equal approximately \$700. Farebox revenue impacts on Dump the Pump Day are projected to equal approximately \$14,500.

No General Fund dollars are impacted by these reduced fares.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

MOTION

That the City Council:

1. Authorize Culver CityBus to offer free fares to riders with a bicycle and/or bike helmet on Bike to Work Day, Friday, May 19, 2017; and,
2. Authorize Culver CityBus to offer free fares to all riders on National Dump the Pump Day, Thursday, June 15, 2017.