



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 5, 2006

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: WESTERN TRANSIT SYSTEMS CONTRACT EXTENSION – SENIOR MOBILITY PROGRAM

DATE: AUGUST 21, 2006

FROM: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT – RECREATION DIVISION

PRESENTATION BY: MARK P. TAYLOR, MANAGEMENT ANALYST

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. Staff recommends that the City Council approve the final one-year extension agreement with Western Transit Systems, effective October 1, 2006 – September 30, 2007, and authorize the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City.

BACKGROUND:

In June 2002, the City entered into an agreement with the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) to provide for a Senior Mobility Program (SMP). Under the terms of this agreement, OCTA provides grant funds to cities for the establishment and operation of transportation programs specifically for seniors. In September 2002, the City entered into an agreement with Western Transit Systems for driver services for the Costa Mesa Senior Mobility Program (Attachment 1). The City selected Western Transit as a result of a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to provide staff to drive the vehicle assigned to the SMP program.

The initial agreement was for three years, with two options of one year each. City Council approved the first one-year extension at the regular meeting of September 6, 2005. The current agreement will expire on September 30, 2006. Staff recommends that Council approve the final one-year extension.

ANALYSIS:

Prior to October 2002, the City and the Costa Mesa Senior Center jointly offered a transportation service to seniors. The Senior Center provided a driver and the City supplied the vehicle, including maintenance. Services were limited by the driver's schedule. This arrangement served approximately 300 passengers per month.

Western Transit began Senior Mobility services on October 1, 2002. They have provided very good service since the contract inception. Western Transit is a dedicated transportation company, whose parent company, Yellow Cab, has been providing services for over 25 years. Ridership has grown significantly under Western Transit's

operation (Attachment 2), to currently over 800 per month, including service to evening events. A slight decrease in the afternoon ridership has occurred due to minor program reductions at the Senior Center.

If approved, the one-year option will expire on September 30, 2007. Staff will issue an RFP for driver services during 2007 since it will have been over 5 years since the last RFP was issued. Periodically reviewing the market for changes in price and services is a prudent practice.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

Council could direct staff to immediately issue a new RFP for the Senior Mobility Program. An RFP would take approximately four months. Staff would request that Council approve a month-to-month extension with Western Transit during the RFP process.

Council could opt out of the OCTA Senior Mobility program and return any unused funds.

FISCAL REVIEW:

For the expiring contract year, October 2005 – September 2006, Western Transit received a rate of \$26.97 per service hour and proposed a rate of \$27.97 per service hour. The contract allows up to 2286 service hours, for an annual rate of \$63,939. The City will receive from the OCTA Senior Mobility Grant Program the amount of \$64,889 for FY06-07, which will cover the program costs. These amounts are included in the FY 07 adopted budget.

LEGAL REVIEW:

The City Attorney has reviewed the extension amendment documents and approved them as to form.

CONCLUSION:

The Senior Mobility Program provides a very good program to the seniors of Costa Mesa. Western Transit provides reliable service that has grown significantly since inception. Therefore,

1. Staff recommends that the City Council approve the final one-year extension agreement with Western Transit Systems, effective October 1, 2006 – September 30, 2007, and authorize the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City.

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ATTACHMENTS: 1 [2002 Western Transit Agreement](#)
2 [Ridership Growth Chart](#)
3 [One Year Extension Amendment](#)

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