



# *CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT*

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MEETING DATE: JUNE 5, 2007

ITEM NUMBER:

**SUBJECT:** OCTA SENIOR MOBILITY PROGRAM AGREEMENT C-2-0503 AMENDMENT #1

**DATE:** MAY 22, 2007

**FROM:** ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT/RECREATION DIVISION

**PRESENTATION BY:** JANA RANSOM, RECREATION MANAGER

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve Amendment #1 to OCTA Senior Mobility Program agreement C-2-0503, extending funding for a senior mobility program through June 30, 2011, and authorize the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) provides funding to cities who wish to operate local senior transportation programs. On June 17, 2002 the City entered into agreement C-2-0503 to operate a senior transportation program specific to Costa Mesa. The initial term of this agreement was five years, beginning July 1, 2002 and expiring on June 30, 2007. OCTA is extending the program for an additional five years, through June 30, 2011 and sent Amendment #1 (Attachment 1) for review and execution, should Costa Mesa choose to continue receiving funding for a senior mobility program.

## **ANALYSIS:**

Under the terms of the agreement, OCTA provides Costa Mesa with grant funds to operate a senior mobility program in the city. Attachment #2 is the proposed funding by OCTA for the proposed extension. In addition, OCTA also donates a used 18 passenger bus to the City for its use. The grant is an 80% – 20% matching grant, where the city must match 20% of the cost of the program, either by direct support or indirect cost. The City “match” for this grant is the ongoing fuel and maintenance costs used to support the senior mobility program.

The City uses the grant funds to hire a professional driver to operate the bus and provide service to the senior participants. The program is based at the Senior Center and operates Monday through Thursday from 9am to 5pm. Seniors may call the Program telephone number to schedule pick-up and delivery to any location within the City boundaries and Hoag Hospital. The City currently contracts with Western Transit Systems to provide driver services for the Senior Mobility Program. Western Transit charges \$27.97 per hour under the contract for a current cost of \$63,939 (\$27.97 multiplied

by 2286 annual service hours of driving). The driver is an employee of Western Transit Systems which was selected in 2002 as a result of a Request for Proposal process. Staff will be issuing a new RFP for driver services later this year as this agreement has been in place for five years. A new agreement for driver services will be brought to City Council for action prior to the October 2007 expiration of the existing agreement.

The Senior Mobility Program has been very successful over the five year term, transporting over 41,500 passengers since October 1, 2002 (when Western Transit began operation), for an average of 771 passengers per month. Prior to the OCTA Senior Mobility Program/Western Transit Systems operations, the senior transportation program transported less than 300 passengers per month.

**ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:**

The City may choose to not accept the grant funds from OCTA. The City could then choose to create and operate a senior transportation program with City funds, or not provide a senior transportation program.

**FISCAL REVIEW:**

OCTA is proposing to extend the current grant under this agreement to 2011. The current 2007 grant amount is \$64,889. The total grant amount for the contract period will be \$302,735, broken down as follows:

2008	Grant amount would be \$68,927
2009	Grant amount would be \$73,160
2010	Grant amount would be \$77,595
2011	Grant amount would be \$83,053
	Total: \$302,735

**LEGAL REVIEW:**

Legal has reviewed the documents and approved them as to form.

**CONCLUSION:**

OCTA is proposing to extend funding for the senior mobility grant for an additional five year term. The City, the Costa Mesa Senior Center and Western Transit have partnered to provide a high quality successful service to the senior community. It is therefore recommended that City Council approve Amendment #1 to OCTA Senior Mobility Program agreement C-2-0503, extending funding for a senior mobility program through June 30, 2011, and authorize the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City.

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ATTACHMENTS: 1. [Amendment #1 to Agreement C-2-0503](#)  
2. [Letter of January 10, 2007 Proposed Grant Funding Amounts](#)  
3. [Cooperative Agreement C-2-0503](#)