



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: JUNE 17, 2008

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: OCTA "GO LOCAL" PROGRAM

DATE: JUNE 5, 2008

FROM: PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT - TRANSPORTATION SERVICES DIVISION

PRESENTATION BY: PETER NAGHAVI, PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve Cooperative Agreement with the City of Newport Beach designating that City as the lead agency regarding Costa Mesa/Newport Beach "Go Local" Program (Attachment 1). Authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the agreement; and
2. Authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to accept minor revisions to the agreement based on further discussions with City of Newport Beach, prior to its execution.

BACKGROUND:

On February 14, 2006, the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Board of Directors approved a four-step process for Orange County cities to develop their own transit vision to provide Metrolink access to their communities. The intent of this locally initiated program is to make the usage of Metrolink more convenient to users.

The four steps are:

- OCTA will provide a grant in the amount of \$100,000 to each City to develop a local transit vision and to conduct initial planning. Cities are eligible to receive \$100,000 upon execution of a cooperative agreement with OCTA and submittal of an acceptable project concept;
- OCTA will make available \$30 million in early 2008 to implement the most promising projects in the County on a competitive basis;
- Upon availability of Measure M2 funds, OCTA will move projects to implementation; and
- Provide resources transforming existing Metrolink stations to major multi-modal transportation centers.

During the regular meeting of February 19, 2008, the Costa Mesa City Council approved a Cooperative Agreement with OCTA for participation in the program with the City of Newport Beach as the lead agency. The Cities of Newport Beach and Costa Mesa have met several times to partner on a transit study related to connections between Metrolink and John Wayne Airport (JWA). A feasibility study evaluating various means to connect rail and/or bus transit to John Wayne Airport could assist in addressing ground congestion and operational impacts of JWA.

ANALYSIS:

In order to proceed with the initial stage of the “Go Local” project, the City will need to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with the City of Newport Beach. This agreement designates the City of Newport Beach as the lead agency representing the City of Costa Mesa for the “Go Local” program, and transfers the administration of the City of Costa Mesa’s \$100,000 grant to the City of Newport Beach. The agreement also defines the roles and responsibilities of each agency in the conduct of the “Go Local” study.

The transit study was initiated with scheduled completion by summer 2008. Staff will be providing updates to the City Council during the course of the study.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

The City Council may elect to not approve the Cooperative Agreement. This will result in no joint “Go Local” project study with the City of Newport Beach. Under this alternative, the City of Costa Mesa will not receive its grant of \$100,000 as the City currently has no other “Go Local” plans.

FISCAL REVIEW:

There is no fiscal impact to the City with this specific “Cooperative Agreement.” OCTA is providing the \$100,000 funding for the study. The City will be transferring that funding over to the City of Newport Beach through this Cooperative Agreement. No City funding is anticipated for the initial study.

LEGAL REVIEW:

The City Attorney’s office is reviewing the Cooperative Agreement with Newport Beach. It is likely that there may be some minor edits to the agreement based on final review with Newport Beach staff. These comments will be incorporated prior to acceptance by the City Attorney and execution by the City Manager and City Clerk.

CONCLUSION:

OCTA has initiated a new locally initiated transit program called “Go Local”, which is intended to make Metrolink service more accessible to more users. As part of this effort, OCTA is providing grants to each participating City in the amount of \$100,000 to develop a transit vision that extends the connection of Metrolink into their community. The City Council approved a Cooperative Agreement with OCTA on February 19, 2008, for participation in the program with the City of Newport Beach as the lead agency. City Council approval of the attached Cooperative Agreement is requested to formalize the designation of the City of Newport Beach as the lead agency for this effort and to administer the City’s grant for the “Go Local” study. The agreement also establishes the roles and responsibilities for each agency in the conduct of this study.

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Attachments: 1 - [Cooperative Agreement with Newport Beach](#)

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