



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

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SUBJECT: OCTA SENIOR MOBILITY PROGRAM AGENCY SERVICE PLAN

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RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council approve and adopt the OCTA Senior Mobility Program Agency Service Plan.

BACKGROUND

Measure M, Orange County's half-cent transportation sales tax, was first approved in 1990 for a twenty year period. After experiencing twenty years of success and progress, voters renewed the sales tax for another thirty years resulting in Measure M2. Measure M2 includes funding for three programs, one of which is known as Project U, the senior and disabled transportation fare stabilization program. As part of Project U, one percent of net revenues from this tax support local community transportation services through the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Senior Mobility Program (SMP).

In the City of Costa Mesa, SMP grant funding is currently allocated to provide contracted driver services for the senior para-transit program. This program allows for the transport of Costa Mesa seniors, age 60 and older, to and from the Costa Mesa Senior Center for various reasons free of charge. Transportation is also provided for participation in: recreational activities; a congregate meal program; personal shopping trips; and other routinely scheduled appointments. The program is housed at the Costa Mesa Senior Center and operates Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-4p.m. Seniors wishing to utilize the service do so by calling the program's telephone line to schedule pick-up and delivery to locations within the City. The current SMP Agreement with the OCTA is set to expire on June 30, 2016, but does have an option for extension through June 30, 2021.

The City currently contracts with Western Transit Systems to provide driver services for the Senior Mobility Program. The driver is an employee of Western Transit Systems, which has been providing driver services to the City for the program since 2011. A new agreement for driver services will be brought to City Council for action prior to the expiration of the current agreement.

The OCTA SMP grant funding allocation requires a 20% match from the City, either by direct financial support or through indirect cost. The City's funding match for this grant is allocated to fuel and maintenance expenses associated with the para-transit vehicle and back-up vehicle. The City currently utilizes two (2) donated para-transit vehicles to operate their program. One vehicle is used as the primary vehicle (donated by the OCTA in 2015) and the other is used as

a reserve vehicle (older donated bus retained by the City). The Agreement provides for the OCTA to donate one used, para-transit vehicle to the City for its use.

ANALYSIS

The City's existing agreement will expire June 30, 2016. The proposed SMP Agency Service Plan will replace the current Scope of Work and must be approved prior to bringing the request to extend the current Agreement between the City and OCTA.

Highlighted SMP Agency Plan changes include:

- Trips outside Orange County are limited to medical trips only within 10 miles of the county border
- The monthly reporting template has been revised and will require additional trip and expenditure details

Currently, the City's SMP is in compliance with these regulations and staff will continue to ensure that all of the set forth standards are met.

FISCAL REVIEW

Under the current agreement, OCTA grand funding has totaled more than \$300,000 for the Senior Mobility Program.

Year	OCTA Grant Amount
2012	\$72,789
2013	\$75,175
2014	\$77,035
2015	\$81,199
Grand Total Between 2012-2015	\$306,189

LEGAL REVIEW

No legal review is required for this item.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

City Council could choose to not accept the Service Agency Plan, which would affect the receipt of grant funds. The City could then choose to operate the transportation program with the use of City funds, or not provide a senior transportation program to the senior population of Costa Mesa.

CONCLUSION

Staff recommends that the City Council approve and adopt the OCTA Senior Mobility Program Agency Service Plan to continue receiving grant funding for the SMP upon renewal of the agreement.

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Attachments:

1. [Senior Mobility Program Agency Service Plan](#)