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May 03, 2016

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

35 MAY 3, 2016

LORI GLASGOW
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**COUNTY PARATRANSIT PROGRAM
FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-17
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to approve funding for the Paratransit Program for Fiscal Year 2016-17 in the unincorporated County and to authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to negotiate and execute agreements to provide paratransit services.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed Paratransit Program is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve the continuation of paratransit services for eligible patrons in the unincorporated County for the five Supervisorial Districts for Fiscal Year 2016-17 at an estimated cost of \$3,441,000.
3. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to negotiate and execute agreements for paratransit services with the cost and term as indicated: Alondra Park/Del Aire Paratransit Service provided by the City of Gardena at a cost of \$20,000 for Fiscal Year 2016-17 (total 4-year agreement is \$80,000); La Crescenta/Montrose Paratransit Service provided by the City of Glendale at a cost of \$132,000 (1-year agreement); Mid-San Gabriel Paratransit Service provided by the City of Monrovia at a cost of \$240,000 (1-year agreement); and the Rancho Research Institute Paratransit Service provided by the Rancho Research Institute at a cost of \$347,000 for Fiscal Year 2016-17 (total 2-year agreement is \$704,000).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to approve continuation of paratransit services for eligible patrons of the unincorporated County for the five Supervisorial Districts and to authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to negotiate and enter into new paratransit agreements with the Cities of Gardena, Glendale, and Monrovia, and the Rancho Research Institute.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3). By providing paratransit services in a responsive manner to elderly and persons with disabilities, we improve the quality of life for our citizens.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

This action authorizes the disbursement of \$3,441,000 for the continuation of paratransit services for eligible patrons in the unincorporated County for Fiscal Year 2016-17. This Paratransit Program contains agreements with multiple-year terms. The only costs authorized by this action are the Fiscal Year 2016-17 program costs incurred under these agreements. Future costs under these agreements will be submitted for your approval as part of future fiscal years' paratransit programs. Each agreement includes a 30-day, no-fault clause for termination.

Four existing agreements will expire on June 30, 2016. This action authorizes the Director of Public Works or her designee to negotiate and enter into 1-year and multiple-year agreements to continue these four services for a Fiscal Year 2016-17 expenditure of \$739,000. The four agreements are for the following paratransit services: Alondra Park/Del Aire Paratransit Service provided by the City of Gardena at a cost of \$20,000; the La Crescenta/Montrose Paratransit Service provided by the City of Glendale at a cost of \$132,000; the Mid-San Gabriel Paratransit Service provided by the City of Monrovia at a cost of \$240,000; and the Rancho Research Institute Paratransit Service provided by the Rancho Research Institute at a cost of \$347,000.

Twelve paratransit services will continue to operate under current agreements for Fiscal Year 2016-17 with a total expenditure of \$2,702,000. These services include: Agoura Hills Paratransit Service, Azusa/Glendora Paratransit Service, East Los Angeles Paratransit Service, East San Gabriel/Altadena Paratransit Service, Kagel Canyon Paratransit Service, Ladera Heights/Windsor Hills Paratransit Service, Lennox Paratransit Service, Marina del Rey Paratransit Service, Topanga Canyon Paratransit Service, West Carson Paratransit Service, Whittier et al. Paratransit Service, and the Willowbrook et al. Paratransit Service.

The necessary funds are available in each Supervisorial District's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program and included in the Transit Enterprise Fund Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget. The enclosed list identifies the services with providers and each Supervisorial District's Fiscal Year 2016-17 budget amounts.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The agreements will be approved as to form by County Counsel prior to execution.

On January 4, 1983, the Board directed that funds for paratransit services should be provided from each Supervisorial District's allocation of the County's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program at the discretion of each supervisor. In Fiscal Year 1983-84 and in subsequent fiscal years, the Board approved paratransit services providing transportation opportunities for eligible patrons in the unincorporated County. Paratransit, also known as dial-a-ride, generally refers to curb-to-curb demand response transit services in which the patron calls to reserve a ride. This type of service is typically available to elderly and disabled persons. In some areas, it is also available to the general public.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed activity is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 21080(b)(10) of the Public Resources Code. This exemption provides for the institution of passenger or commuter transit services on highway rights of way already in use.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The paratransit services for eligible patrons of the unincorporated County are provided primarily through participation in joint paratransit services with cities and other governmental agencies adjacent to unincorporated County areas and less frequently through contracts the County enters into with private (for-profit or nonprofit) transportation service providers.

Participation in joint paratransit services benefits the County by lowering service costs due to economies of scale, improving service to residents as a result of service coordination, and qualifying for subsidies provided through grants when available from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant Program. The Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant Program provides financial assistance to agencies that coordinate paratransit services across jurisdictional boundaries.

Most cities and other governmental agencies that partner with the County contract with private transportation service providers through a competitive selection and procurement process. The County's share of the cost of the service is proportionately based on the number of unincorporated County residents who use the service. A competitive procurement process is used when the County contracts directly with the transportation service provider.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This action provides for continuation of the current services. The approval of this action will not result in the displacement of any County employees.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER
Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rochelle Goff)
County Counsel
Executive Office

**ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS
PARATRANSIT SERVICES
FISCAL YEAR 2016-17**

SERVICE AGREEMENTS (NEWLY NEGOTIATED)	PROVIDER	MULTIPLE-YEAR TERMS	AGREEMENT EXPIRATION	2016-17 BUDGET AMOUNT ¹						
				TOTAL	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH	FIFTH	
Alondra Park/Del Aire	City of Gardena ²	4-YEAR	06/30/20	\$20,000		\$20,000				
La Crescenta/Montrose	City of Glendale ²	1-YEAR	06/30/17	\$132,000						\$132,000
Mid-San Gabriel	City of Monrovia ²	1-YEAR	06/30/17	\$240,000						\$240,000
Rancho Research Institute	Rancho Research Institute ⁴	2-YEAR	06/30/18	\$347,000	\$90,000	\$62,000	\$14,000	\$174,000		\$7,000
SUBTOTAL				\$739,000	\$90,000	\$82,000	\$14,000	\$174,000		\$379,000

SERVICE AGREEMENTS (EXECUTED IN PRIOR YEARS)										
Aqoura Hills	City of Aqoura Hills ²	3-YEAR	06/30/17	\$70,000			\$70,000			
Azusa/Glendora	City of Azusa ²	3-YEAR	06/30/17	\$118,000	\$106,000					\$12,000
East Los Angeles	Empire Transportation, Inc. ³	1-YEAR + 4 (1-YR) options	06/30/18	\$585,000	\$585,000					
East San Gabriel/Altadena	City of Pasadena ²	3-YEAR	06/30/18	\$300,000						\$300,000
Kagel Canyon	City of Los Angeles' Cityride ²	3-YEAR	06/30/17	\$6,000						\$6,000
Ladera Heights/Windsor Hills	City of Culver City ²	3-YEAR	06/30/17	\$18,000		\$18,000				
Lennox	City of Inglewood ²	4-YEAR	06/30/18	\$110,000		\$110,000				
Marina del Rey	City of Los Angeles' Cityride ²	3-YEAR	06/30/17	\$60,000					\$60,000	
Topanga Canyon	City of Los Angeles' Cityride ²	3-YEAR	06/30/17	\$24,000			\$24,000			
West Carson	City of Los Angeles' Cityride ²	3-YEAR	06/30/17	\$110,000		\$110,000				
Whittier, et al.	Empire Transportation, Inc. ³	1-YEAR + 4 (1-YR) options	06/30/18	\$970,000	\$194,000				\$659,000	\$117,000
Willowbrook, et al.	MV Transportation, Inc. ³	3-YEAR + option years	06/30/17	\$331,000	\$17,000	\$314,000				
SUBTOTAL				\$2,702,000	\$902,000	\$552,000	\$94,000	\$719,000		\$435,000

GRAND TOTAL				\$3,441,000	\$992,000	\$634,000	\$108,000	\$893,000		\$814,000
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- NOTE:
- (1) This action only approves the Fiscal Year 2016-17 budget amounts
 - (2) City, Joint Powers Authority, or Governmental Agency
 - (3) Private Transit Service Provider