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July 05, 2016

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

22 July 5, 2016

LORI GLASGOW  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**PUBLIC TRANSIT SERVICES FOR THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-17  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

This action is to approve funding for continuation of public transit services for residents of the unincorporated County of the Santa Clarita Valley and delegate the authority to execute an agreement for that purpose with the City of Santa Clarita for Fiscal Year 2016-17.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find that this activity is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve continuation of public transit services for the unincorporated County of the Santa Clarita Valley for Fiscal Year 2016-17 at an estimated cost of \$2.4 million.
3. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to negotiate and execute an agreement between the City of Santa Clarita and the County to jointly finance and for the City of Santa Clarita to administer transit services for Fiscal Year 2016-17.
4. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to expend up to an additional 10 percent of the agreement amount for any additional work within the scope of the agreement, if required.

## **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions will provide for continuation of public transit services for the residents of the unincorporated County of the Santa Clarita Valley and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute an agreement for that purpose in a form approved by County Counsel for Fiscal Year 2016-17.

## **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). The agreement will continue a collaborative effort with the City to provide public transit services to the community in a responsive manner to improve the mobility of the public.

## **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The total cost of the Santa Clarita Valley transit services is estimated to be \$31.6 million for Fiscal Year 2016-17. The County's jurisdictional share of the cost for these services is estimated to be \$5.6 million. The City will be pursuing funding assistance from various sources, such as Federal Transit Administration, State, Proposition A Discretionary, and Proposition A Incentive grants for these services. Any grant funds received by the City, along with farebox revenue and Metrolink transfer revenue, will offset the County's share of the cost. The County's net share of the cost after deducting grants and farebox/transfer revenue is estimated to be \$2.4 million.

The necessary funds for the County's share are available in the Supervisorial District 5's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program included in the Transit Enterprise Fund Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget.

## **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The Board has previously approved programs to provide public transit to the residents of the unincorporated County of the Santa Clarita Valley. These services are more economically performed through partnership with the City and its independent contractor and include a 7-day-per-week local bus service, a 5-day-per-week commuter bus service, and a 7-day-per-week elderly and persons with disabilities and general public paratransit service. The services have been administered by the City since January 1, 1992.

The agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel prior to final execution by the Director.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The proposed activity is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 21080(b)(10) of the Public Resources Code. This exemption provides for the implementation of passenger or commuter services.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

This action provides for continuation of the current services. The Santa Clarita Valley transit services enhance the mobility of the public by providing access to other areas throughout the unincorporated County.

**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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c: Chief Executive Office (Rochelle Goff)  
County Counsel (Rosa Linda Cruz)  
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