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May 10, 2011

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

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**TRANSIT PASS SUBSIDY PROGRAM
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-12
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to approve funding for continuation of the Transit Pass Subsidy Program to provide subsidized monthly transit passes to eligible residents in the unincorporated County of Los Angeles areas for Fiscal Year 2011-12.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that this activity is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve continuation of the Transit Pass Subsidy Program to provide subsidized monthly transit passes for eligible County of Los Angeles unincorporated area residents for Fiscal Year 2011-12 at a cost not to exceed \$1,500,000.
3. Authorize Director of Public Works or her designee to negotiate and execute an agreement with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to continue the Transit Pass Subsidy Program for Fiscal Year 2011-12.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

This action will authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute an agreement with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) to subsidize transit passes

for eligible unincorporated County of Los Angeles (County) residents for Fiscal Year 2011-12.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). The Transit Pass Subsidy Program (Program) will reduce monthly transit pass costs for eligible seniors, persons with disabilities, students, and the general public, thereby improving access to multiple municipal transit systems. By administering this Program with LACMTA, the County is able to provide these services to the public in a cost-effective manner.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated cost of the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Program for each Supervisorial District is shown in Table 1 of the Enclosure.

The maximum obligation to LACMTA for the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Program is \$1,500,000. The necessary funds are available from each Supervisorial District's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program included in the Recommended Fiscal Year 2011-12 Transit Enterprise Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This Program encourages the use of public transit and provides eligible residents in unincorporated County areas the financial assistance to meet their transit needs.

Since 1985, your Board has approved agreements with LACMTA, or its predecessor agencies, for this Program. The Program provides subsidized monthly transit passes to eligible seniors, persons with disabilities, and students residing in all unincorporated County areas. The Program also provides subsidized Metro and EZ transit passes for the general public residing in the unincorporated County areas of the First, Second, Fourth, and Fifth Supervisorial Districts.

This Program permits the sale of Metro and EZ transit passes as shown in Table 2 of the Enclosure.

The Program also calls for LACMTA to review an applicant's address to certify eligibility to participate in this Program and to document which Supervisorial District the applicant resides in. Each eligible applicant will receive a certification, which must be renewed annually, from LACMTA. LACMTA will issue each eligible applicant a 12-month punch card to ensure that only one pass per person per month is purchased.

LACMTA charges a \$4.05 certification fee to process each Student Pass and Regular Monthly Pass. The certification fee to process each Senior and Disabled Pass is \$2.75.

The agreement will permit LACMTA to provide subsidized monthly transit passes for eligible unincorporated County area residents and administer the Program at a maximum cost to the County of \$1,500,000. The agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel prior to execution by the Director of Public Works or her designee. The County's payment to LACMTA will be based on the actual cost incurred by LACMTA.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The recommended actions are statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 21080(b)(8) of the Public Resources Code. This exemption provides for the establishment, modification, restructuring, or approval of rates, tolls, fares, and other charges by public agencies.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This action will provide reduced monthly transit pass rates, encourage transit use, and provide improved access to multiple municipal transit systems.

CONCLUSION

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

Respectfully submitted,



GAIL FARBER
Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
Executive Office

ENCLOSURE

TABLE 1

District	Subsidy/Certifications	LACMTA Administration	Totals Fiscal Year 2011-12
1	\$1,156,000	\$183,000	\$1,339,000
2	\$59,000	\$9,000	\$68,000
3	\$3,000	\$1,000	\$4,000
4	\$32,000	\$5,000	\$37,000
5	\$45,000	\$7,000	\$52,000
Total	\$1,295,000	\$205,000	\$1,500,000

TABLE 2

Pass Category	Regular Cost	County Subsidy	Cost to Eligible County Residents
Metro Senior/ Disabled	\$14	\$6	\$8
Metro Student (K-12)	\$24	\$8	\$16
Metro College/ Vocational	\$36	\$11	\$25
Metro Monthly*	\$75	\$14	\$61
EZ Transit Senior/Disabled	\$35	\$14	\$21
EZ Transit Monthly*	\$84	\$14	\$70

*The County subsidies for the Metro Monthly and EZ Transit Monthly passes are only available to eligible residents in Supervisorial Districts 1,2,4, and 5.