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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

26 October 18, 2011

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR THE
EZ TRANSIT PASS PROGRAM
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to enter into an agreement with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to participate in the EZ Transit Pass Program. The EZ Transit Pass Program provides for the County of Los Angeles to receive reimbursement for costs associated with accepting EZ transit pass fare media on the County of Los Angeles' fixed-route shuttle services.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the EZ Transit Pass Program is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to negotiate and execute an agreement with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for participation by the County of Los Angeles in the EZ Transit Pass Program and act as an agent for the County of Los Angeles when conducting business with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority on any matters related to this program, including negotiating and executing any amendments.

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 participate in the EZ Transit Pass Program.

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 EZ Transit Pass Program will help the County of Los Angeles (County) continue to provide convenient, easy access transit services, thereby improving the mobility and quality of life for unincorporated County transit patrons.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The County will receive annual reimbursement from LACMTA for the costs associated with accepting EZ transit passes on the County's fixed-route shuttle services that are within LACMTA's service area. The annual value of the EZ transit pass reimbursement, which may increase or decrease depending on actual boardings, is estimated to be \$9,000 for Fiscal Year 2011-12. Funds received under the EZ Transit Pass Program will be deposited into the Transit Enterprise Fund and used to offset the cost of these services.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

At the April 25, 2002, meeting of the LACMTA Board of Directors, the Board of Directors approved LACMTA's participation in the EZ Transit Pass Program. The program is a regional transit pass program that issues EZ transit passes allowing patrons to transfer among participating transit systems, thus providing seamless travel and increased mobility for unincorporated County residents.

With your Board's approval, the County will become a participating agency. The County will continue to accept all valid EZ transit passes on all of the County's fixed-route shuttle services that are within LACMTA's service area, including any shuttle services the County may implement in the future. In return, LACMTA will provide the County an annual reimbursement for accepting EZ transit pass fare media.

The agreement will automatically renew each year on July 1 for an additional one-year term until the program terminates. The agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel prior to execution by the Director of Public Works or her designee.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

In accordance with Section 15378(b)(5) of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines and Section 307.B.(3) of the Environmental Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, entering the agreement is an administrative activity that will not cause a physical change in the environment and, therefore, does not constitute a project and is not subject to the requirements of CEQA.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The EZ Transit Pass Program provides convenient transfer between municipal transit operators, thereby increasing mobility in the unincorporated County for transit-dependent patrons.

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 (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
Executive Office