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February 24, 2015

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:

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February 24, 2015

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES


PATRICK O'GAWA
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**PUBLIC HEARING
ADOPT A RESOLUTION AS REQUIRED FOR FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION
SECTION 5310 GRANT FUNDING FOR PARATRANSIT SERVICES
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, 4, AND 5)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to adopt a resolution certifying that no nonprofit transit providers are readily available to provide paratransit services for elderly and persons with disabilities in the unincorporated County areas for the East Los Angeles; Whittier, et al.; and Willowbrook, et al., paratransit services as required to obtain Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 grant funding and to provide authority to the Director of Public Works to execute documentation required to secure grant funding for replacement vehicle expenditures.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Adopt a resolution certifying that no nonprofit transit providers are readily available to provide paratransit services for elderly and persons with disabilities in certain unincorporated County areas in and adjacent to East Los Angeles, Whittier, and Willowbrook.
2. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to file applications; accept grant funds; and execute certifications and assurances, agreements, amendments, or any other required documents on behalf of the County related to the Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 grant application.

3. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to submit and approve requests for reimbursement of funds associated with the Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 grant application from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to adopt a resolution certifying that no nonprofit transit providers are readily available to provide paratransit services for elderly and persons with disabilities for three County paratransit services: East Los Angeles, Whittier, et al., and Willowbrook, et al. The East Los Angeles paratransit service includes the unincorporated County communities of East Los Angeles and City Terrace. The Whittier, et al., paratransit service includes the unincorporated County communities of Avocado Heights, Basset, Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights, South San Gabriel, and the unincorporated County areas surrounding the Cities of Covina, La Puente, West Covina, and Whittier. The Willowbrook, et al., paratransit service includes the unincorporated County communities of Athens, Florence/Firestone, Rancho Dominguez, Rosewood, Walnut Park, and Willowbrook.

Public Works administers and operates three paratransit services in the above mentioned unincorporated County areas. In order to qualify for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 grant funds to replace aging service vehicles, the County must certify that no nonprofit transit providers are readily available to provide paratransit services in these unincorporated County areas. The recommended action also authorizes the Director of Public Works or her designee to submit grant applications and execute agreements and other documents required by the FTA Section 5310 grant program for the receipt and expenditure of grant funds.

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). This program provides services to the public in a responsive manner to improve the mobility of transit-dependent seniors and persons with disabilities.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The FTA Section 5310 grant program funds 80 percent of the replacement vehicle cost with the remaining 20 percent of the cost provided by local agencies. If grant funding is approved, the County's share of the cost will be financed from the County's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program, and funding will be included in the annual budget process for Fiscal Years 2015-16, 2016-17, and 2017-18.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The County has operated curb-to-curb demand response transit services known as paratransit or dial-a-ride for unincorporated County area elderly and persons with disabilities since 1984. Public Works administers and operates the East Los Angeles; Whittier, et al.; and Willowbrook, et al., services in the unincorporated paratransit service areas of East Los Angeles, Whittier, and Willowbrook. There are no private nonprofit transit providers that are able to provide equal

paratransit services to these unincorporated County areas. Replacement vehicles for these services procured in 2008 and 2010 have now reached their useful lives and need to be replaced. The FTA Section 5310 grant program allows State and local government agencies and nonprofits to apply for funding for capital projects like vehicle replacements that enhance the mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities.

In accordance with Title 49 United States Code 5310 and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's application requirements, a public agency applying for grant funding under FTA Section 5310 must certify that there are no nonprofits readily available to provide paratransit services for elderly and persons with disabilities in its service area. As the program administrator, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority requires any such public agency conduct a public hearing with 30 days notice and 30 days for public comment in order to make this certification. The Executive Office of the Board has provided 30 days notice of the public hearing in conformance with Government Code Section 6061 and permitting 30 days for the public to submit comments.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

In accordance with Section 15378(b)(4) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, the proposed action does not constitute a project and, therefore, is not subject to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act. These actions provide for the authorization to apply for and accept a grant since it is a fiscal activity that does not involve any commitment to any specific project that may result in the potentially significant impact on the environment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These actions provide for continuation of the current service level.

CONCLUSION

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail Farber". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

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

**RESOLUTION 3963 OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CERTIFYING NO NONPROFIT TRANSIT
PROVIDERS ARE READILY AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE PARATRANSIT
SERVICES FOR ELDERLY AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN THE
UNINCORPORATED AREAS SERVICED BY THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
THROUGH THE EAST LOS ANGELES; WHITTIER, ET AL.; AND
WILLOWBROOK, ET AL., PARATRANSIT SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation is authorized to make grants to states through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 grant program; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) has been designated to administer FTA Section 5310 grants for transportation projects for elderly and persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the FTA Section 5310 grant funds may be allocated to the County when there is no nonprofit organization readily available in these certain unincorporated County areas to provide the service; and

WHEREAS, the County operates paratransit services for elderly and persons with disabilities through three County paratransit services; East Los Angeles, Whittier, et al., and Willowbrook, et al., paratransit services. The East Los Angeles paratransit service includes the unincorporated County communities of East Los Angeles and City Terrace; the Whittier, et al., paratransit service includes the unincorporated County communities of Avocado Heights, Basset, Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights, South San Gabriel, and the unincorporated County areas surrounding the Cities of Covina, La Puente, West Covina, and Whittier; and the Willowbrook, et al., paratransit service includes the unincorporated County communities of Athens, Florence/Firestone, Rancho Dominguez, Rosewood, Walnut Park, and Willowbrook; and

WHEREAS, the County's paratransit services need to replace fleet vehicles and there are Federal funds available for certain vehicles and equipment through the FTA Section 5310 grant program for Fiscal Year 2015 that includes 2 years of Section 5310 apportionments (Federal Fiscal Years 2013 and 2014); and

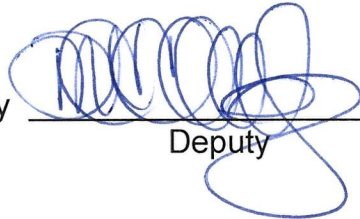
WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has provided 30 days notice and 30 days public comment period prior to holding a public hearing on February 24, 2015, to adopt this resolution certifying that there are no nonprofit transit providers readily available to provide paratransit services for elderly and persons with disabilities in the identified County paratransit service areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County does hereby:

The foregoing resolution was adopted on the 24th day of February, 2015, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio of the governing body of all other special assessments and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.



PATRICK OGAWA
Acting Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By  _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MARK J. SALADINO
County Counsel

By  _____
Deputy

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR RESOLUTION 3963 CERTIFYING NO NONPROFIT TRANSIT PROVIDERS
ARE READILY AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE PARATRANSIT SERVICES
FOR ELDERLY AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN THE
UNINCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AREAS**

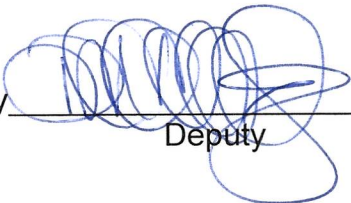
On Tuesday, February 24, 2015, at its regularly scheduled meeting at 9:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard in the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors Chambers, Room 383, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California, the County Board of Supervisors will consider a resolution finding that there are no nonprofit transit providers readily available to provide paratransit services for elderly and persons with disabilities in certain unincorporated County areas.

The County Board of Supervisors will consider and may adopt the resolution finding no nonprofit transit providers are readily available to provide paratransit services for elderly and persons with disabilities in the unincorporated County communities of Athens, Avocado Heights, Basset, City Terrace, East Los Angeles, Florence/Firestone, Hacienda Heights, Rancho Dominguez, Rosewood, Rowland Heights, South San Gabriel, Walnut Park, Willowbrook, and the unincorporated County areas surrounding the Cities of Covina, La Puente, West Covina, and Whittier.

Written comments may be submitted to the Acting Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles prior to the hearing at the above address. Any questions should be directed to Ms. Ann Meiners at (626) 458-3959, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, 9th Floor, Programs Development Division, Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Para más información con relación a esta noticia, por favor comuníquese con la Sra. Sandra Perez, (626) 458-3955, durante horas de oficina, de 8 a.m. a 6 p.m., de lunes a jueves.

PATRICK OGAWA
Acting Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By  Deputy