



Agenda Item No. _____

File Code No. 510.04

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: June 5, 2012

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Transportation Division, Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Agreement With Easy Lift Transportation, Incorporated, For Paratransit Services

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council authorize the Public Works Director to execute an Agreement with Easy Lift Transportation, Incorporated, for paratransit services for the elderly and mobility-impaired in an amount not to exceed \$229,416.73 for Fiscal Year 2013.

DISCUSSION:

Easy Lift Transportation, Incorporated (Easy Lift), is a non-profit agency that provides dial-a-ride paratransit services to people with limited mobility throughout the South County for \$3.50 per one-way ride. The City has had an agreement with Easy Lift since 1990 whereby the City subsidizes Easy Lift's paratransit services from the local transportation sales tax measure funds.

Under the requirement of the Measure A Investment Plan, the City must use at least 10 percent of its Measure A funds for forms of alternative transportation. This agreement complies with the rules governing implementation of Measure A, as approved by the voters of the County of Santa Barbara. Currently, Easy Lift reports that 73 percent of the rides provided in the past 12 months have been for residents of the City of Santa Barbara.

Easy Lift provides vital transportation services for elderly and mobility-impaired members of the community, and staff recommends continuing financial support to Easy Lift at the current contract level.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

No additional appropriations are necessary. Currently, the Fiscal Year 2013 budget in the Measure A Fund includes \$229,416.73 in funding for the Easy Lift contract.

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