



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** June 18, 2013

**TO:** Mayor and Council Members

**FROM:** Transportation Division, Public Works Department

**SUBJECT:** Agreement With Easy Lift Transportation For Paratransit Services

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council authorize the Public Works Director to execute a four-year Agreement with Easy Lift Transportation, Incorporated for paratransit services for elderly and mobility-impaired people in an amount not to exceed \$229,416.73 for Fiscal Year 2014, with an annual adjustment based on the Consumer Price Index and the availability of Measure A funds.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The Measure A Investment Plan (Measure A) is a transportation funding measure that was approved in November 2008 by 80% of the voters in all regions of Santa Barbara County. Measure A is administered by the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG), and will provide more than \$1 billion of estimated local sales tax revenues for transportation projects in Santa Barbara County over a 30 year period. As one of the requirements of Measure A, the City must use at least 10 percent of its Measure A funds for forms of alternative transportation.

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. 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.

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. Continuing this partnership with Easy Lift by entering into a contract for services for the next four years complies with the requirement that the City use a portion of its Measure A funds to encourage and implement forms of alternative transportation.

Easy Lift provides vital transportation services for elderly and mobility-impaired members of the community, and staff recommends entering into a four year contract, to be approved as to form by the City Attorney, at the current contract level of \$229,416.73 per year, with

an annual adjustment based on the Consumer Price Index and the availability of Measure A funds.

**BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

No additional appropriations are necessary. Currently, the Fiscal Year 2014 budget in the Measure A Fund includes \$229,416.73 in funding for the Easy Lift contract.

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**APPROVED BY:** City Administrator's Office