



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: June 3, 2008

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Transportation Division, Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Agreement With The Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District For Transit Services

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council authorize the Public Works Director to negotiate and execute a Fiscal Year 2009 Master Agreement with the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District (MTD) for Transit Services in an amount not to exceed \$2,486,838.81.

DISCUSSION:

The Master Agreement with MTD for the Downtown/Waterfront Shuttle, Commuter Lot Shuttle, the Crosstown Shuttle, and enhanced service on Lines 1, 2 and 3 expires on June 30, 2008. MTD has requested that this agreement be renewed for an additional year.

Downtown/Waterfront Shuttle

MTD will provide 15,088 hours annually for the Downtown/Waterfront Shuttle, for a total operating subsidy of \$1,153,628.48. MTD will provide the City with the actual shuttle fare as a credit to the monthly shuttle service invoice. The estimated annual revenue for Fiscal Year 2009 is \$125,000. The operating subsidy the City provides to MTD is considered to be a fare "buy down", reducing the shuttle fare from \$1.25 to the current rate of \$0.25. The hourly rate for Fiscal Year 2009 will be \$74.46, which represents a 3.92% cost of living adjustment.

Commuter Lot Shuttle

The agreement for the Commuter Lot Shuttle service provides 2,537 hours of service between the commuter lots (Cota and Carrillo Lots) and downtown businesses. Out of these total hours, the 1,265 hours that were previously allocated to the Cota Lot will continue to be applied to the Crosstown Shuttle. The proposed Fiscal Year 2009 Commuter Lot Shuttle Service Agreement has an hourly subsidy of \$77.82, which represents a 3.92% cost of living adjustment. The total operating subsidy for the Commuter Lot Shuttle will be \$197,429.34.

Crosstown Shuttle:

MTD will provide up to 6,100 hours annually of Crosstown Electric Shuttle service. The 6,100 hours consist of 1,265 hours transferred from the "Commuter Lot Shuttle" section of this agreement and a base of 4,835 hours. The total operating subsidy for the Crosstown Shuttle is \$367,625.52.

Enhanced Transit Lines 1 & 2

MTD Transit Lines 1 and 2 connect the upper Westside and the lower Eastside to the downtown area. The headway during A.M. and P.M. peak hours has been improved from 15 minutes to 10 minutes. The total operating subsidy for Lines 1 & 2 will be \$269,479.91.

Enhanced Transit Line 3

MTD Transit Line 3 connects downtown Santa Barbara to La Cumbre Plaza and the upper State Street area. This route also services the Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital. The all day headways on this line have been improved from 30 minutes to 20 minutes. The total operating subsidy for Line 3 will be \$214,205.56.

Mesa Loop Service:

The Mesa Loop is a new service that was included in the original South Coast Transit Priorities to provide transit service between the Mesa and the downtown core, utilizing 29-foot clean diesel buses. The service commenced on March 5, 2007, and will be renewed annually from July through June. The City will begin providing the annual operating assistance for the Mesa Loop in the amount of \$130,600, as adjusted by the CPI, after Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) operating assistance has been depleted, which is anticipated to occur in February 2010.

Superstops and Capital Program:

There are no other changes proposed in the agreement for the Superstops and the bus replacement program. Total support of Capital for Fiscal Year 2009 will be \$284,470.

Sustainability Impact

The transit support provided under the terms of the agreement goes toward the City's goal of increasing the availability of transit, making the use of a car a choice not a necessity.

Funding Provisions

The total City funds for these two service agreements are:

| | <u>Fiscal Year 2009</u> |
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| • Downtown/Waterfront Shuttle | \$ 1,153,628.48 |
| • Commuter Lot Shuttle | \$ 197,429.34 |
| • Crosstown Shuttle | \$ 367,625.52 |
| • Enhanced Transit | \$ 483,685.47 |
| Subtotal: | <hr/> \$ 2,202,368.81 |
| • Superstops | \$ 36,070.00 |
| • Capital | \$ 248,400.00 |
| Subtotal: | <hr/> \$ 284,470.00 |
| Total: | \$ 2,486,838.81 |

Proposed Source of Funding:

| | <u>Fiscal Year 2009</u> |
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| • Measure "D" Fund (Operations) | \$ 1,384,671.55 |
| • Measure "D" Fund (Capital) | \$ 284,470.00 |
| • General Fund (Transfer from RDA Fund) | \$ 300,000.00 |
| • Downtown Parking Fund | \$ 392,697.26 |
| • Fare Box Revenue (Credit) | \$ 125,000.00 |
| Total: | <hr/> \$ 2,486,838.81 |

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APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office