



Agenda Item No. _____

File Code No. 670.01

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: June 23, 2009

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Transportation Division, Public Works Department

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council authorize the Public Works Director to execute an agreement with Easy Lift Transportation, Incorporated (Easy Lift), for paratransit services for elderly and mobility-impaired people, in an amount not to exceed \$229,416.73 for Fiscal Year 2010.

DISCUSSION:

Easy Lift is a non-profit agency that provides paratransit services throughout the South County area. The City has had an agreement with Easy Lift since 1990, and currently subsidizes Easy Lift with \$229,416.73, which is paid out of the City's Measure D funds. This support complies with the rules governing implementation of Measure D, as approved by the voters of the County of Santa Barbara. Currently, Easy Lift reports that 75.7% of the rides provided in the past twelve months have been for residents of the City of Santa Barbara.

Easy Lift provides vital transportation services to the disabled community, and staff is recommending the continuation of financial support to Easy Lift at the current contract level.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

The Public Works operating budget for FY 2010 has \$229,416.73 budgeted, from Measure D funds, for the Easy Lift Transportation contract.

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APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office