



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: June 29, 2010

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 execute a Fiscal Year 2011 Master Agreement (Agreement), in a form of agreement acceptable to the City Attorney, with the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District (MTD) for transit services in an amount not to exceed \$1,391,521.

DISCUSSION:

The Fiscal Year 2010 Master Agreement with MTD for the Downtown/Waterfront, Commuter Lot, and Crosstown Shuttles; the Mesa Loop; and enhanced service on Lines 1, 2, and 3, expires on June 30, 2010. The MTD Board approved the renewal of the Agreement at their June 1, 2010, meeting and is requesting that the City also approve the renewal for one year.

On November 4, 2008, the voters approved Measure A, the replacement to Measure D, which expired on March 31, 2010. Under the new sales tax measure, MTD became a direct recipient of Measure A funds on April 1, 2010. The City's financial support for the Crosstown Shuttle, Mesa Loop, and Lines 1, 2, and 3 ended on March 31, 2010. In addition, the financial support for Lines 6 and 11 ends on June 30, 2010. Funding for these transit services utilized Measure D and Downtown Parking funds. Under the Measure A Investment Plan, MTD will receive 26.05% of the City's Measure A funds directly from the Santa Barbara County Associations of Governments to pay for the above-mentioned transit services.

MTD will provide between 13,500 and 15,088 hours annually for the Downtown/Waterfront Shuttle. The operating subsidy will remain at the Fiscal Year 2010 level of \$1,188,180. MTD will provide the City with the actual shuttle fare as a credit to the monthly shuttle service invoice. The City's estimated annual revenue for Fiscal Year 2011 is \$120,000. The operating subsidy that the City provides to MTD is considered to be a fare "buy down", reducing the shuttle fare from \$1.75 to the current rate of \$0.25. MTD's hourly rate for Fiscal Year 2011 will be \$78.75.

This Agreement also allows 2,537 hours of service for the Commuter Lot Shuttle between the Cota and Carrillo Commuter Lots, and Downtown businesses. Of these service hours, 1,265 were previously allocated specifically to the Cota Lot Shuttle, and will now be applied to the Crosstown Shuttle. The proposed Fiscal Year 2011 Commuter Lot Shuttle Service Agreement has an hourly subsidy of \$80.15. The total operating subsidy for the Commuter Lot Shuttle will remain at the Fiscal Year 2010 level of \$203,341.

Funding Provisions

The total City funds for this Master Agreement are:

<u>OPERATING SUPPORT</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 2011</u>
Downtown/Waterfront Shuttle	\$1,188,180
Commuter Lot Shuttle	<u>\$203,341</u>
Total:	\$1,391,521

Proposed Source of Funding:

	<u>Fiscal Year 2011</u>
Measure "A" Fund (Operations)	\$577,545
General Fund (Transfer from RDA Fund)	\$300,000
Downtown Parking Fund	\$393,976
Fare Box Revenue (Credit)	<u>\$120,000</u>
Total:	\$1,391,521

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT

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

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