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CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: June 29, 2010

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 2011.

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 whereby the City subsidizes Easy Lift's paratransit services from Measure D funds. Measure A, which is the new sales tax measure for transportation and has replaced Measure D, went into effect on April 1, 2010. The Easy Lift contract will now be paid out of Measure A funds.

Under the requirement of the Measure A Investment Plan, the City must use at least 10% 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% 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 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 Department operating budget for Fiscal Year 2011 has \$229,416.73 for the Easy Lift Transportation contract budgeted from Measure A funds.

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