

CITY OF HAYWARD
AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE 05/24/05
AGENDA ITEM 2
WORK SESSION ITEM _____

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Director of Community and Economic Development
SUBJECT: FY 2005-06 Annual Paratransit Plan and Gap Fund Application

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit the FY 2005-06 Annual Paratransit Plan and Application for Measure B Gap Funds, and to execute related documents.

DISCUSSION:

The Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA) administers the allocation of Measure B funds used to support the operations of the Hayward Paratransit Program. FY 2005-06 is the third of a four year Agreement between ACTIA and the City of Hayward related to the distribution and utilization of Measure B funds for this purpose. The City is required under this Agreement to submit an application for Measure B paratransit funding, along with a plan describing how the City intends to use these funds, on an annual basis.

In accordance with the multi-year Agreement with ACTIA, the City submitted its annual Measure B application in April 2005 for a total of \$613,918, the amount of base funding that is available to the City for this period. This application serves as the City's Annual Paratransit Plan for FY 2005-06. The Plan was developed with input from the City's Paratransit Advisory Committee whose membership includes representatives from different user groups of the Hayward Paratransit Program, as well as representatives from the Hayward Human Services Commission.

Paratransit Service Contracts

The FY 2005-06 Annual Paratransit Plan calls for the continuation of the three paratransit service components that are currently in place. The primary component provides traditional paratransit services to older adults and persons with disabilities on an individual and group basis. This component is currently carried out through a contract with a private transportation company known as MV Transportation, Inc. The contract with MV Transportation, initially entered into in FY 2003-04, provides the City with the option to renew the contract for up to two consecutive years, through FY 2005-06. This contract was renewed in FY 2004-05. Based on MV's overall performance during the current fiscal year, staff recommends that the City exercise its option to renew the contract for one additional year, with the following changes:

- A) The basis for charging the City for this service be changed from a per-trip rate to an hourly rate (for service to *individuals* - group trips are currently charged by the hour). This will enable the City to better control its costs because it will be able to determine how many service hours to purchase ahead of time based on the funds available, as opposed to paying for an unpredictable number of trips provided after-the-fact; and
- B) The hourly rate be increased by 1.6% (from the current \$38.93 per hour to \$39.55 per hour) to accommodate MV Transportation's increased costs associated with gasoline, insurance and labor costs.

The other two *specialized* paratransit service contracts that are currently in place (i.e., with Meals on Wheels and the Alzheimer's Services of the East Bay) expire on June 30, 2005. Both contractors continue to meet a paratransit need not addressed by the primary contractor, and both are sole-source providers - meaning they are the only contractors in the area that provide these particular services. Based on the availability of Measure B funds, the continued need for these two specialized services, and the successful performance of these two contractors, it is recommended that the City continue to work with these two providers.

Through a separate application process, the City has an opportunity to submit an application for an additional \$189,548 in Measure B "Gap Funds" so that the City can continue to address the otherwise unmet paratransit needs of our constituents that were identified by ACTIA's regional service Gap Analysis conducted last year. These services include: Same-day (as opposed to prescheduled) medical trips, and prescheduled non-medical trips (such as food shopping and banking), for Hayward Paratransit Program participants, as well as group recreation trips for residents of local skilled nursing facilities and adult day care programs. Additionally, the City will be able to continue its participation in the joint Hospital Discharge Transportation Project with ACTIA and other cities in the central and southern regions of Alameda County. This project provides transportation to persons who are discharged from identified local hospitals who have no other means of transportation.

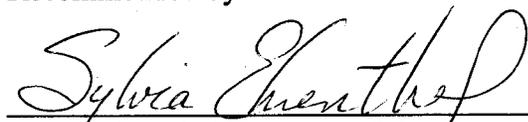
It is recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute documents to implement both the base funding and gap fund paratransit applications.

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Recommended by:



Sylvia Ehrenthal, Director of Community
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Approved by:

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Jesús Armas, City Manager

Attachment: Draft Resolution

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HAYWARD CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 05-_____

Introduced by Council Member _____

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5/9/05

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A PARATRANSIT PLAN AND GAP FUND APPLICATION FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF MEASURE B PARATRANSIT FUNDS IN FY 2005-06 TO THE ALAMEDA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY, AND NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO AND IN SUPPORT OF THESE ACTIVITIES

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Hayward that the City Manager is authorized and directed, on behalf of the City of Hayward, to submit to the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority a Paratransit Plan and Gap Fund Application for the expenditure of Measure B Paratransit funds in FY 2005-06.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager shall have the authority to negotiate and execute all documents related to and in support of these activities.

IN COUNCIL, HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA _____, 2005

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

MAYOR:

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ATTEST: _____

City Clerk of the City of Hayward

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney of the City of Hayward