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DATE: June 25, 2009

TO: City Council

FROM: Martin R. Erickson, Legislative Affairs Manager

SUBJECT: **Harbor Beaches Dial-a-Ride (HBDAR) Transit Service**

RECOMMENDATION

That City Council authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment continuing the HBDAR transit service for the HBDAR operator (Ventura County Shuttle, Inc.).

DISCUSSION

The Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC), as the recognized transportation planning agency for the area, makes annual determinations countywide as to what constitutes an Unmet Transit Need that is "reasonable to meet". All Unmet Transit Needs that are "reasonable to meet" must be funded before any allocation of Transportation Development Act (TDA) funding is made for streets and roads pursuant to Public Utilities Code (PUC) Section 99401.5 (e). A panel consisting of VCTC Commissioners was appointed by the VCTC Chairman to act as the hearing board. The full VCTC Board approved the 2009/10 Unmet Transit Needs Findings that includes a recommendation to continue all existing bus services, including all demonstration services, including the HBDAR.

Background:

In 1993, South Coast Area Transit (SCAT) discontinued fixed route transit service in the harbor/beaches area due to low ridership. Beginning July 2000, the City of Oxnard initiated general dial-a-ride transit service for the harbor/beaches area of the City of Oxnard as a three-year demonstration project. The service was funded primarily through a federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant, which the City successfully competed for and was awarded through the VCTC. The service also serves a portion of the City of Port Hueneme and the County of Ventura, and each agency made a contribution toward the local match. The HBDAR CMAQ grant was for the operating cost of a three-year demonstration project (July 1, 2000 – June 30, 2003).

On August 26, 2003 Council supported the staff recommendation to continue the HBDAR service from November 1, 2003 to October 31, 2004 with reduced service hours and increased fares. Also, larger contributions were sought from the County of Ventura and City of Port Hueneme, reflecting the HBDAR usage in these areas. Council determined to evaluate the performance of the HBDAR in July 2004. Staff analysis suggested that reducing service hours and raising fares could boost farebox recovery and overall route efficiency to exceed the 20% farebox recovery ratio. In July 2004 Council authorized an extension of the HBDAR, based on the strong performance of the route. Due to increasing uncertainty about the future of transit funding, City staff will work closely with VCTC staff and Gold Coast Transit (GCT) staff to examine all options for making the HBDAR more successful.

The HBDAR service operates M-F from 7am-12pm, 2pm-7pm, on Saturday from 9am-5pm; no service is provided on Sundays. The fare is $2.00 for adults, and $1.50 for seniors (65+) and the disabled.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The proposed HBDAR service will be funded from the following sources:

Oxnard (City of Oxnard air-pollution buy down funds)	$ 100,000
Fare Revenue	$ 18,000
County of Ventura annual contribution	$ 19,000
City of Port Hueneme contribution	$ 27,000
Total annual cost	$ 164,000

The City's portion of the HBDAR is funded with Air Pollution Buy-Down funds, which are restricted to transit use, or uses that have a clearly defined air pollution benefit. It may also be funded with TDA funding for operating or capital purposes. Contributions from the County of Ventura, City of Port Hueneme, and fare revenue will be deposited into the transit services HBDAR operating account that will be incorporated into the City's FY 2009/10 Budget.

Attachment No. 1 – Agreement with Ventura County Shuttle, Inc.

Agreement No. A-5806

EIGHTH AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR DIAL-A-RIDE SERVICES

This Eighth Amendment to Agreement for Dial-A-Ride Services is made and entered into in the County of Ventura, State of California, this 22nd day of June, 2009, by and between the City of Oxnard ("City") and Ventura County Shuttle, Inc. ("Contractor") with regard to that certain Agreement for Dial-A-Ride Services ("the Agreement"), dated May 1, 2000, as amended by the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Amendments thereto.

City and Contractor agree that the term of this Agreement is amended so from and after June 30, 2009, the Agreement shall be on a month to month basis, so that either party may terminate the agreement on 30 days notice for any reason or for no reason.

City and Contractor further agree that as so amended, the Agreement remains in full force and effect.

CITY OF OXNARD

James Cameron

James Cameron, Purchasing Agent

CONTRACTOR

Clayton M. Vail, President

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Alan Holmberg, City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO INSURANCE:

Bennett G

James Cameron, Risk Manager

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Martin R. Erickson, Project Manager

APPROVED AS TO AMOUNT:

Edmund F. Sotelo, City Manager

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