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Agenda Report

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TO: Office of the City Administrator
ATTN: Deborah Edgerly
FROM: Department of Human Services
DATE: April 12, 2005

RE: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$844,747 FROM ALAMEDA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY (ACTIA) MEASURE B FUNDS AND UP TO \$400,000 MEASURE B GAP FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2005-06 FOR PARATRANSIT SERVICES**

SUMMARY

Staff requests that the City Council approve a resolution authorizing the City Administrator to apply for, accept and appropriate funds in the amount of \$844,747 from Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA) Measure B Funds and up to \$400,000 Measure B Gap funds for the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 for paratransit services. This is an increase of 2.43 percent from fiscal year 2004-2005 due to the increase in revenue from the new Measure B sales tax. Additional funds may be allocated later as the Alameda County Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee (PAPCO) defines service gaps and makes recommendations for funding to ACTIA.

The funding is based on a funding formula for all Alameda County cities by zone, and Oakland's allocation for this year is set at 70.03% of North County's share. The City of Oakland Paratransit for the Elderly and Disabled (OPED) will use Measure B funds to provide subsidized transportation for Oakland's senior and disabled populations.

FISCAL IMPACT

The proposed budget for the City of Oakland's FY 2005-2006 Oakland Paratransit for the Elderly and Disabled (OPED) program will include the Measure B fund allocation and Measure B Gap funds. The \$844,747 that Oakland receives from ACTIA for FY 2005-06 will be appropriated to Fund 2213 (Measure B Paratransit – ACTIA), Organization 75621. Measure B Gap funds up to \$400,000 (estimated) will also be appropriated to Fund 2213, Organization 75621. The City of Oakland has in past years waived the Central Services Overhead charge for this program and a waiver is necessary for the 2005-06 fiscal year.

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BACKGROUND

The City of Oakland has operated a city-based paratransit service since 1978 with State Transportation Development Act (TDA 4.5) funds. The City began receiving Alameda County's Measure B half cent sales tax after voters approved it in November 1986. Alameda County Measure B, approved on the November 2000 ballot, extended the sales tax for transportation an additional twenty years.

ACTIA authorizes the Measure B allocation. Funds have been divided among the four zones of the County (North, Central, South and East) by legislation. Measure B paratransit service dollars are allocated to cities by region within Alameda County on a formula basis. The City of Oakland receives the largest portion (70.03%) of the North County allocation to serve both Oakland and Piedmont residents. ACTIA may allocate additional funds for service gaps and approaches to fill the gaps.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), effective July 26, 1990, mandates that all public transit operators provide complementary paratransit services for persons who cannot use fixed route transit due to a disability. To fulfill these requirements, AC Transit and BART, major public transit operators in this service area, formed the East Bay Paratransit Consortium (EBP) and developed a Coordinated Paratransit Plan. EBP contracts with ATC Paratransit to administer and manage all ADA paratransit services.

In December 1996, Oakland began offering a new paratransit service funded by Measure B monies solely. The program was designed to meet the needs of Oakland residents who require assistance beyond the parameters of the EBP Consortium program. To date, the City of Oakland has utilized taxicab companies and wheelchair accessible van companies to provide its service. With new Measure B monies, OPED will continue to explore methods of providing improved transportation services that complement and supplement the ADA paratransit service provided by the EBP Consortium. In February 2002, OPED allocated funds to begin the pilot Senior Shuttle project in West Oakland and has been expanded on a limited basis to North and East Oakland. The pilot senior shuttle has been very successful. For the coming year, OPED will continue the shuttle project.

KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

The total allocation of FY 2005-06 Measure B funds, including stabilization Measure B Gap funds, for the City of Oakland Paratransit Program is \$844,747, as allocated by the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority based on the funding formula in the legislation. There may be additional Measure B Gap funds awarded to the City of Oakland later in the fiscal year.

Oakland's paratransit program will continue to provide subsidized transportation for senior residents and persons with disabilities unable to utilize public transportation, including the ADA paratransit service. OPED users require additional services, such as help with stairs and bags, same day service,

and door-to-door service, and/or are living beyond a scheduled bus route. OPED also provides transportation for individuals who are waiting 21 days for ADA certification and therefore unable to use the EBP Consortium program. OPED staff will continue to seek additional partnerships to add service enhancements, which will modify and improve current services, and promote better coordination with services throughout the County. These services may include shuttle service, same day van service or ramped taxis. Staff will bring a report to City Council in May on the evaluation of services and the proposed FY 2005-06 OPED service contracts.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Oakland Paratransit for the Elderly and Disabled (OPED) offers subsidized paratransit services to residents of Oakland and Piedmont who cannot access public transportation and are 70 years of age and older or 18 years and older with a mobility disability. Door-to-door transport gives seniors and persons with disabilities access to services such as medical appointments, shopping and daily activities. Priority is given to individuals needing health care (i.e. dialysis, cancer treatments, and therapy). OPED also sponsors the Oakland Senior Shuttle and is collaborating with Bay Area Community Services, Inc. to seek funds to increase service areas and days of service.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic:

Funds from Measure B will be used for contracts with local vendors to improve current paratransit services. Vendors will subscribe to the City's Living Wage Ordinance.

Environmental:

The Paratransit Program encourages multi-rider transportation for a population that cannot use public transportation and does not have access to private vehicles.

Social Equity:

Paratransit funds will make services accessible for residents who due to age or disability would not be able to have access to transportation. Access to services will improve the quality of life for paratransit participants.

DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS

The Alameda County Measure B funds are designated for non-mandated paratransit for senior citizens and people with mobility disabilities. Oakland provides subsidized paratransit services for people with disabilities and senior citizens. Disabled and senior citizens utilize the Oakland Paratransit Program to access medical services, shopping, and other social activities.

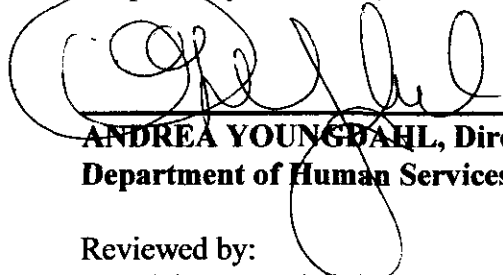
RECOMMENDATION AND RATIONALE:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve a resolution authorizing the filing of a claim with the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority for FY 2005-2006 Measure B funds in the amount of \$844,747 and up to \$400,000 Measure B Gap funds, which will continue to support frail Oakland residents who require transportation access via the Oakland Paratransit for the Elderly and Disabled Program (OPED).

ACTION REQUESTED OF CITY COUNCIL

That the City Council approve a resolution authorizing the City Administrator to apply for, accept and appropriate funds in the amount of \$844,747 from Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority Measure B Funds and up to \$400,000 Measure B Gap funds for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 for paratransit services.

Respectfully submitted,

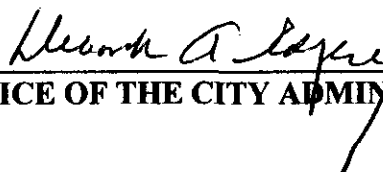


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**APPROVED FOR FORWARDING TO THE
LIFE ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE:**


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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$844,747 FROM ALAMEDA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY (ACTIA) MEASURE B FUNDS AND UP TO \$400,000 MEASURE B GAP FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006 FOR PARATRANSIT SERVICES

WHEREAS, voters in Alameda County passed the new Measure B in November 2000, thereby providing sales tax revenues for paratransit services; and

WHEREAS, Measure B funds will be required by City of Oakland for the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 for the purpose of providing subsidized transportation by taxi or by van to the elderly and persons with disabilities who are deemed unable to use public transit services and continued senior shuttle service; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland has been in the past and continues to be an eligible recipient for Alameda County Measure B funds; and

WHEREAS, Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority has established a target expenditure for administrative fees of fifteen percent (15%) of total program costs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland has in past years waived the Central Services Overhead charge for this program and a waiver is necessary for the 2005-2006 fiscal year; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby resolves that the City Administrator or his designee is hereby authorized and directed to apply for, conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including but not limited to, claims, applications, agreements, amendments, modification, payment requests, and to conduct all related actions that may be necessary for the completion of the delivery of Measure B taxi, van and shuttle service to the elderly and disabled; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That Central Services Overhead will be offset by the General Fund; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator or his designee is hereby authorized to accept Measure B funds in the amount of \$844,747 and up to \$400,000 from Measure B Gap funds for the Oakland Paratransit Program to be appropriated to Fund 2213, Organization 75621. Should further funds be available, the City Administrator is authorized to appropriate same to Fund 2213, Organization 75621 for the purposes described above.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20_____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, QUAN, REID, and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: _____

LATONDA SIMMONS
Interim City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California