

**CITY OF OAKLAND
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

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TO: Office of the City Administrator
ATTN: Deborah Edgerly
FROM: Department of Human Services
DATE: July 13, 2004

RE: Resolution authorizing the City Administrator to apply for, accept, and appropriate funds in the amount of \$132,763 from Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA) Measure B Funds for the Fiscal Years 2004-2006 and to execute one year contracts with Center for Independent Living, Rebuilding Together - Oakland, and Rebuilding Together – Albany/Emeryville to provide accessible home improvements for paratransit services for fiscal year 2004-2005 in an amount not to exceed \$78,000 and to amend the contracts for additional amounts received without returning to City Council.

SUMMARY

The City of Oakland Paratransit for the Elderly and Disabled (OPED) uses Measure B funds to provide subsidized transportation for Oakland’s senior and disabled populations. Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA) has recommended awarding \$132,763 to the City of Oakland for the Accessible Home Improvement Paratransit Program.

Staff recommends that the City Council approve a resolution authorizing the City Administrator to apply for, accept, and appropriate funds in the amount of \$132,763 from Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA) Measure B Funds for the Fiscal Years 2004-2006 and to execute one year contracts with Center for Independent Living, Rebuilding Together - Oakland, and Rebuilding Together – Albany/Emeryville to provide accessible home improvements for paratransit services for fiscal year 2004-2005 in an amount not to exceed \$78,000 as specified below:

- Center for Independent Living \$30,000
- Rebuilding Together - Oakland \$30,000
- Rebuilding Together – Albany/Emeryville \$18,000

The remaining funds will be used in Fiscal Year 2005-06 for additional accessible home improvements.

FISCAL IMPACT

ACTIA has approved additional funding from Measure B Gap funds for an estimated amount of \$132,763. These additional Measure B funds will be appropriated to Fund 2213 (Measure B – Paratransit – ACTIA), Organization 75621 in a new project number to be established in FY 2004-05 for the Accessible Home Improvement Paratransit Program. There is no fiscal impact on the General Fund.

The professional services contracts with Center for Independent Living, Rebuilding Together - Oakland, and Rebuilding Together – Albany/Emeryville are subject to the City of Oakland's three percent contract compliance fee which amounts to \$2,340. Not imposing or disregarding the Contract Compliance Assessment fee would increase the existing negative balance in the Contract Compliance Assessment Fund (1790).

BACKGROUND

The City of Oakland's Comprehensive Plan for Seniors (September 1987), Recommendation II states that the City should give priority to elderly population groups with special needs, including the vulnerable and frail elderly. Oakland Paratransit services respond to that recommendation by giving priority to the elderly who are vulnerable and frail. In addition, the Department of Human Services has collaborated with the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA), AC Transit, BART and other cities to develop Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compatible and non-ADA paratransit services for seniors and persons with disabilities. AC Transit and BART joined together to form the East Bay Paratransit Consortium to comply with the ADA guidelines.

In December 1996, Oakland began offering paratransit services designed to meet the needs of Oakland residents who require assistance beyond the parameters of the East Bay Paratransit Consortium's program. The City of Oakland has utilized taxicab companies and wheelchair accessible van companies to provide this service.

City Council approved on May 4, 2004 a resolution authorizing the application for 2004-2005 Measure B funds in an estimated amount of \$824,000. ACTIA awarded additional funds from Measure B in an estimated amount of \$397,783 for the Medical Return Trip Improvement Program, which OPED will use with current contractors to increase the number of demand-response trips and reduce the program waiting list.

KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

The Alameda County Measure B Transportation Expenditure Plan included funding for identified service gaps. ACTIA decided to divide the available funds for the County by region. ACTIA held public hearings within the north county, received feedback from program managers, commissioners, and consumers to determine what paratransit service gaps existed. The responses indicated a desire for north county cities to address the concern of access to paratransit.

ACTIA approved north county's recommendation for funding of the Accessible Home Improvement Paratransit Program (AHIPP) to address rider access. Many riders are restricted from using paratransit services. Individuals using wheelchairs can become isolated if they are living in housing with stairs. East Bay Paratransit service does not provide assistance with stairs.

In fact, in Alameda County, the City of Oakland is the only paratransit program providing that service. The cost of service is doubled for those individuals from \$25 to \$50 per trip. Assistance with stairs is limited due to budget constraints.

ACTIA identified a number of programs that provide grants for building ramps and accessible home improvements. One common thread among the programs is limited funding and the inability to meet the demand. With the AHIPP pilot program, it is hoped that north county will be able to leverage additional funds to increase the number of units made accessible. The initial goal of the AHIPP program is to modify 22 units in the two years. Approximately half of the twenty two modifications will be for Oakland paratransit riders. These individuals will now be able to use the East Bay Paratransit service as well as city services without requiring extra fees.

ACTIA staff received lists of contractors specializing in accessibility modifications from Alameda County Home Repair and the housing departments of each City in the north portion of the County. After contacting each contractor, staff then met with the community based organizations and contractors that expressed an interest in the pilot project to discuss the goals of the program and to determine the interest in contracting. The three recommended organizations specialize in building ramps and meet all applicable laws and regulations and comply with City contracting requirements. Staff has determined that the recommended organizations have provided quality services to the senior and disabled communities over the past several years.

OPED staff will meet regularly with the contractors and the paratransit managers in other cities of north Alameda County. These meetings will ensure continued communications between all parties. OPED will work with ACTIA and the other cities to identify eligible riders for the possibility of accessible home improvements.

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. OPED contracts with taxi and wheelchair lift van companies to provide paratransit services. 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 West Oakland Senior Shuttle and is collaborating with Bay Area Community Services to seek funds for expansion.

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SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic:

Contracts are with local vendors within their service areas. Vendors will subscribe to the City's Living Wage Ordinance.

Environmental:

Contractors will make transportation available for a population that has not been able to use public transportation.

Social Equity:

Contractors will make homes accessible for paratransit eligible riders. Access to critical services will improve the quality of life for paratransit participants.

DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS

This resolution provides contracts that will allow access to transportation services for north Alameda County paratransit users. These contracts will ensure transportation access for people with disabilities and senior citizens to City programs and community-based services and activities by providing paratransit services to the above-mentioned populations.

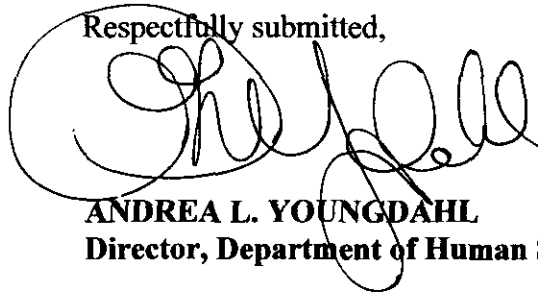
RECOMMENDATION(S) AND RATIONALE

Staff recommends that the City Council approve this resolution authorizing the City Administrator to apply for, accept, and appropriate funds in the amount of \$132,763 from Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA) Measure B Funds for the Fiscal Years 2004-2006 and to execute one year contracts with Center for Independent Living, Rebuilding Together - Oakland, and Rebuilding Together – Albany/Emeryville to provide accessible home improvements for paratransit services for fiscal years 2004-2005 in an amount not to exceed \$78,000 and to amend the contracts for additional amounts received without returning to City Council.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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Respectfully submitted,



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**APPROVED FOR FORWARDING TO THE
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City Attorney

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$132,763 FROM ALAMEDA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY (ACTIA) MEASURE B FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEARS 2004-2006 AND TO EXECUTE ONE YEAR CONTRACTS WITH CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING, REBUILDING TOGETHER - OAKLAND, AND REBUILDING TOGETHER - ALBANY/EMERYVILLE, TO PROVIDE ACCESSIBLE HOME IMPROVEMENTS FOR PARATRANSIT SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEARS 2004-2006 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$78,000 AND TO AMEND THE CONTRACTS FOR ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS RECEIVED WITHOUT RETURNING TO CITY COUNCIL

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

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA) has made Measure B funds available for north Alameda County for the fiscal years 2004-06 for the purpose of accessible home improvement for paratransit riders; 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, the City of Oakland claims Measure B funds allocated for north Alameda County residents to provide accessible home improvement services for paratransit riders; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland desires to implement the accessible home improvement program to assist paratransit riders; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds these contracts will not result in the loss of employment or salary by any person having permanent status in the competitive civil service; and

WHEREAS, the City lacks the support structure to operate this service with City employees and has never provided or operated such a service; and

WHEREAS, all of the companies for which contracting authorization is being requested, meet the City's requirements for paratransit services; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to enter into agreements with the following non-profit contractors for the amounts not to exceed as specified below:

- Center for Independent Living \$30,000
- Rebuilding Together - Oakland \$30,000
- Rebuilding Together - Albany/Emeryville \$18,000

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WHEREAS, the contracts are for 12 months in duration and therefore fixed; now, **LIFE ENRICHMENT CMTE**
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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, and payment requests, 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 the City Administrator is hereby authorized to execute contracts with the aforementioned service providers in the amounts specified above for the purpose of providing services to Oakland Paratransit for the Elderly and Disabled Program participants, and that should additional funds be received, the City Administrator or her designee is hereby authorized to appropriate same for the purposes described above and to amend the contracts for any additional amounts and contract with the above entities for any additional amounts received under the grant without returning to the City Council, and to conduct all negotiations execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, modifications, payment request, and related actions which may be necessary in accordance with its basic purpose; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that a copy of said agreements shall be filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20_____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: _____
CEDA FLOYD
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California

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