



RIVERSIDE TRANSIT AGENCY
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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THRU:  Larry Rubio, Chief Executive Officer

FROM:  -Vince Rouzaud, Director of Purchasing and Materials Management

SUBJECT: Authorization to Exercise Option Year One of Agreement 5-007 with Network Paratransit System, Inc., (Network Paratransit) for the Agency's Taxi Overflow Services Program

Summary: At the May 26, 2005, Board of Directors meeting, Network Paratransit was awarded a contract for the Agency's Taxi Overflow Services Program (TOSP). The one-year agreement was for the period beginning July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006. The agreement included two one-year option periods.

The TOSP was implemented by the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) as a demonstration program in FY 2004. The program utilizes taxicabs to transport senior citizens and persons with disabilities that would otherwise be denied service because of system capacity constraints. As a result of the program's success, the Agency incorporated the use of taxi overflow services in its FY 2005/06 Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP).

In March 2005, the Agency issued a Request for Proposals for Taxi Overflow Services. The Board subsequently approved a one-year contract in the amount of \$511,298. The one-year agreement was based upon 9,811 revenue service hours (RSH). Staff estimates the number of revenue service hours for FY 2007 can be reduced by approximately 38 percent to 6,103 RSH or \$329,502. Staff is confident in this reduction because of improvements made to the paratransit operations by the Agency's new paratransit contractor, Southland Transit (Southland). The Agency's contract with Southland is structured so that it encourages the contractor to be efficient by offering financial incentives for productivity. Another major difference in the new contract is the introduction of "rescue vans" that provide contingency back-up service as needed. Taxi overflow services will continue to be utilized when;

- 1) there are not enough Agency resources to accommodate demand to ensure zero denials,
- or
- 2) during non-peak times when it is more cost effective to use a taxi for specific trips rather than a traditional dial-a-ride vehicle.

Fiscal Impact:

Funding in the amount of \$329,502 has been requested in the FY 2007 operating budget that will be presented to the Budget and Administration Committee and full Board in May for consideration.

Committee Recommendation:

This item was presented at the Board Budget and Administration and Board Operations Committee meetings of May 3, 2006. Due to no quorum present, the Board Budget and Administration Committee members agreed to forward this item to the full Board of Directors without a recommendation.

The Board Operations Committee members unanimously approved and recommended this item to the full Board of Directors for consideration.

Recommendation:

Contingent upon the approval and adoption of the Agency's FY 2007 operating budget, approve the following:

- Authorize staff to exercise option year one of Agreement 5-007 with Network Paratransit Systems Inc., for the Agency's taxi overflow services in an amount not to exceed \$329,502.