


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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THRU:  Larry Rubio, Chief Executive Officer

FROM:  Vince Rouzaud, Chief Procurement and Logistics Officer

SUBJECT: Authorization to Amend Agreement 5-007 with Network Paratransit Systems for Taxi Overflow Services

Summary: At the May 25, 2006, Board of Directors meeting, the Board authorized staff to execute option year one of Agreement 5-007 with Network Paratransit Systems for the Agency's Taxi Overflow Services Program (TOSP). The one year agreement was for the period beginning July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007.

The TOSP was originally implemented by the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) in fiscal year 2004 as a demonstration program to utilize 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, taxi overflow services became an integral part of the Agency's overall Dial-A-Ride program.

The Board approved amount for option year one was \$329,502 and was based on an expected usage of 6,103 revenue service hours for the year. During the first half of FY 2007, ridership for senior citizens and persons with disabilities has seen dramatic growth, significantly above staff projections of 7 percent annually. Fiscal year-to-date ridership for Dial-A-Ride services is up 15.4 percent compared to the same period last year, with individual monthly increases ranging as high as 23.6 percent (Jan. 2007).

Staff believes the TSOP contributes significantly to the paratransit services offered by the Agency and is vital to maintaining the current levels of service. To accommodate increased ridership, staff believes an additional 3,814 revenue service hours are needed to continue this program at current levels through June 30, 2007. Total increase in cost would be \$205,938 for a total of \$535,440.

Fiscal Impact:

Funding in the amount of \$205,938 can be absorbed in the Agency's FY 2007 operating budget.

Committee Recommendation:

This item was discussed at the Board Budget and Administration and Board Operations Committee meetings of February 7, 2007. The Committees' members unanimously approved recommending this item to the full Board of Directors for their consideration.

Recommendation:

Authorize staff to amend Agreement 5-007 with Network Paratransit Systems for taxi overflow services increasing the total-not-to-exceed amount from \$329,502 to \$535,440.