



Legislation Text

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Report to Mayor and City Council

Tuesday, February 07, 2023

Consent

SUBJECT:

CONSIDER APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR PROPOSITION A DISCRETIONARY INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING (CITY COUNCIL)

I. SUMMARY

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) issues a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to over 40 participating agencies each year as part of its voluntary Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant Program. In exchange for reporting transit data to support local, state, and regional planning efforts, agencies may request an allocation of grant funds. By executing the current MOU with LACMTA for Report Year 2020, the City will be eligible to retroactively invoice LACMTA in the total amount of \$308,703.

II. RECOMMENDATION

TAKE the following actions:

1. APPROVE the Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant Program Memorandum of Understanding with Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for Report Year 2020 (Exhibit No. 1; "LACMTA MOU"); and
2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the LACMTA MOU, following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

III. ALTERNATIVES

TAKE another action the City Council deems appropriate.

IV. BACKGROUND

On an annual basis, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA)

issues a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to over 40 agencies as part of its voluntary Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant Program. Participants, including the City of Carson, report transit data from the prior fiscal year to the National Transit Database (NTD) by October 31st each year. This data aids the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) with local, state, and regional planning efforts. Additionally, the data provides decision-makers with resources such as multiyear comparisons and trend analyses relating to public transit services across the country. In exchange for this data, agencies may request an allocation of grant funds through LACMTA.

Allocations are based on the number of revenue miles (i.e., service miles) performed over the course of the prior fiscal year. LACMTA issues MOUs approximately two years from the year of each report. For Report Year 2020, the City will receive \$141,444 for its fixed-route service, and \$42,059 for Dial-A-Ride service. Furthermore, the City is also eligible to receive Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) funding in the amount of \$125,200.

The proposed MOU is a standard form agreement of LACMTA that is required for all participating agencies, and the City has not sought to negotiate its provisions. The conditions of the funding are set forth in Article 4, including an indemnification provision in favor of LACMTA, a provision stating the City agrees that the funds will be used for projects that meet the eligibility, administrative, audit and lapsing requirements of the Proposition A and Proposition C Local Return guidelines most recently adopted by the LACMTA Board, and a provision stating the expenditures will be subject to audit as part of LACMTA's annual Consolidated Audit. Article 5 states that LACMTA reserves the right to terminate the MOU and withhold or recoup funds if it determines that the City has not met the requirements specified by the FTA for collecting and submitting NTD statistics through LACMTA.

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V. FISCAL IMPACT

Should the City Council approve the recommendation, payment from LACMTA in the amount of \$308,703, once received, will be deposited in Proposition A account no. 218-99-999-999-4513.

VI. EXHIBITS

1. LACMTA MOU (pgs. 3-8).

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