



# CITY OF CARSON

## Legislation Text

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### Report to Mayor and City Council

Tuesday, September 18, 2018

Consent

#### **SUBJECT:**

**CONSIDER APPROVING A REIMBURSEMENT TO MV TRANSPORTATION, INC. FOR THE COST OF FABRICATING AND INSTALLING WRAPS ON CARSON CIRCUIT BUSES (CITY COUNCIL)**

#### **I. SUMMARY**

As part of the City's contract with its current Carson Circuit operator, MV Transportation (MV), buses were purchased to meet the needs of the service. Upon delivery, City Council noted that the exterior of the buses were plain and an enhancement would help to identify them as Carson buses. It was agreed that the best solution would be to utilize a bus wrap. MV agreed to handle the fabrication and installation of the wraps on the seven buses it operated, and the City would reimburse the company for this expense. The wraps were installed and the City is now required to compensate MV. Tonight, the City Council is asked to approve a payment in the amount of \$36,754.25 to MV Transportation. This is a non-General Fund expense and will be charged to the Proposition A and Proposition C accounts.

#### **II. RECOMMENDATION**

AUTHORIZE a reimbursement of \$36,754.25 to MV Transportation, Inc. for the fabrication and installation of bus wraps onto seven (7) Carson Circuit buses.

#### **III. ALTERNATIVES**

TAKE another action the City Council deems appropriate.

#### **IV. BACKGROUND**

The City of Carson's fixed-route bus system, the Carson Circuit (Circuit), is comprised of eight (8) routes that run 40-minute loops, beginning at 5:00 AM and ending at 6:40 PM, through different areas of the City. In addition to providing local service to the Carson

community, the Circuit acts as feeder/connector service to other regional transit providers, such as the Metropolitan Transit Authority (Metro) for both bus and rail, Torrance Transit and Long Beach Transit. All routes begin and end at the South Bay Pavilion Mall.

On May 19, 2015, MV Transportation, Inc. was selected as the operator of the circuit. Prior to the company commencing service on January 1, 2016, MV was required to purchase six buses and the one City bus that would be used by the vendor to operate the seven routes the firm was responsible for. The remaining eighth route would be provided by staff.

The contract with MV did not require enhancements to the exterior of the busses and they were plain white when delivered. The City Council felt that the exteriors of the busses required an enhancement to distinguish them from surrounding transit services and to improve their appearance as comparable to METRO, Long Beach Transit, Gardena Transit and Torrance Transit busses. The best solution was to fabricate and install wraps on all Carson Circuit buses. In order to ensure a cohesive appearance, the area around the windows of five of the buses required painting to cover the rivets that surrounded them.

The City agreed to reimburse MV for the cost of the wraps placed on the buses they operated. The City Council is asked to authorize a payment of \$36,754.25 - \$32,891.75 for the wraps and \$3,862.50 for the bus painting - to MV for the fabrication and installation of bus wraps onto Carson Circuit buses.

## **V. FISCAL IMPACT**

Should the City Council approve the recommendation, funds in the amount of \$36,754.25 needed to reimburse MV Transportation are budgeted in account no. 218-90-940-180-6009 (\$14,701.70) and account no. 219-90-940-180-6009 (\$22,052.55).

## **VI. EXHIBITS**

1. Bus Wraps Invoice (pgs. 3-5)
2. Bus Window Painting Invoice. (pg. 6)

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