



Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION NO. R17-48

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ENTERING INTO OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (RPTA) FOR THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICES.

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Purpose and Recommended Action

This is a request for City Council to waive reading beyond the title and adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Amendment to an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA), Contract No. C-8523, for the continued operation of fixed-route and express bus service in the City of Glendale; the reimbursement of transit services for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) eligible riders in an amount not to exceed \$1,070,005; and for the operation of Regional Dial-A-Ride (RDAR) services, for an estimated amount of \$529,982, of which Glendale will contribute \$213,000. This Amendment will be effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

Background

RPTA operates express bus service and partially funds fixed-route bus service throughout the urban area through contracts with local municipalities. Prior to the start of the Fiscal Year, RPTA will estimate the gross cost of the service provided minus the fare revenues, based on the estimated number of miles driven within Glendale. For Fiscal Year 2017-18, RPTA is estimating a gross cost of \$4,708,762 with estimated fare revenues of \$1,177,297 and a federally reimbursable preventative maintenance credit of \$22,842. RPTA will fund the resulting net cost of \$3,508,623 with Public Transportation Funds (PTF), generated through the Regional Transportation Sales Tax (Prop 400).

This Amendment to the IGA also provides reimbursement to the City of Glendale for Fiscal Year 2017-18 ADA transit costs up to \$1,070,005 with PTF funds. This is an increase of \$340,946 from last fiscal year. These funds are used to offset the cost of providing ADA paratransit service within the City of Glendale, via the city's Dial-A-Ride service, and for the Regional Paratransit Service. Glendale provides ADA transit service within three-quarters of a mile of fixed-route service, as required by ADA legislation.

Glendale will pay RPTA \$213,000 for the operation of the Regional Paratransit service in FY2017-18. We are estimating the net cost for this service to be approximately \$529,982 in FY18. The difference of approximately \$316,982 will be made up with PTF funds as mentioned above.

Finally, the Amendment will add the provision of the Platinum Pass Program. This program allows ADA

certified Glendale residents to travel on fixed route and light rail at no cost to the customer or the city, as the PTF funds 100 percent of the fare due. The program is designed to encourage ADA certified individuals to use fixed-route or rail service for a trip whenever possible, in lieu of a traditional paratransit trip.

Analysis

This action provides citizens with continued bus service on Glendale Avenue, Peoria Avenue, 59th and 67th avenues, the two express routes in Glendale, as well as the Grand Avenue Limited service. Fixed-route and express service was provided to more than 2.4 million riders in Glendale last year. In that same time frame, Glendale provided over 22,372 ADA trips.

It is anticipated that the RDAR services will provide 15,984 door-to-door regional ADA paratransit service trips for the upcoming fiscal year 2017-18.

Previous Related Council Action

On June 28, 2016, Council authorized entering into an Amendment to the IGA with the RPTA for transit services for FY2016-17.

On June 23, 2015, Council authorized entering into an Amendment to the IGA with the RPTA for transit services for FY2015-16.

On June 10, 2014, Council authorized entering into an Amendment to the IGA with the RPTA for transit services for FY2014-15.

On June 25, 2013, Council authorized entering into an IGA with the RPTA, Contract No. C-8523, for transit services, for an indefinite term to be amended on an annual basis.

Community Benefit/Public Involvement

Public transportation services are important to a vibrant community. A seamless fixed-route transit system is a quality-of-life benefit to residents and visitors of the City of Glendale.

The goal of Valley Metro's Regional service is to ensure that ADA certified Glendale residents and visitors can make regional Dial-A-Ride trips in a safe, comfortable, and convenient manner. This service provides door-to-door paratransit service to ADA certified individuals making ADA eligible trips that would otherwise involve two or more local Dial-A-Ride providers.

Budget and Financial Impacts

Funding for the Regional Dial-A-Ride service is available in the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Transportation Operating budget.

RPTA will fund and operate the express bus service. The Platinum Pass Program will be funded via the PTF.

Cost	Fund-Department-Account
\$213,000	1660-16530-518200, Dial-A-Ride Professional and Contractual

Capital Expense? No

Budgeted? Yes

Requesting Budget or Appropriation Transfer? No

If yes, where will the transfer be taken from?