

COMMUNICATION

TO: LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

File No. 08-2968

**FROM: COUNCILMEMBER WENDY GREUEL, CHAIR
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE relative to a proposed contract for the operation of the City's DASH downtown transit services.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. AUTHORIZE the General Manager of the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to execute a contract with Veolia Transportation to provide for the operation of DASH downtown services for a term of three years, with two additional one-year options to renew the contract, for a maximum compensation of \$38,619,830 for the first three years and a maximum of \$12.9 million in the two subsequent one-year options to renew, subject to review by the City Attorney as to form.
2. AUTHORIZE a month-to-month extension to First Transit for not more than three months at a rate of \$69.26 per hour.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LADOT and the City Administrative Officer (CAO) report that funding is available for the proposed contract between the City and Veolia Transportation for operation of DASH downtown services on an annual basis in the Proposition A Local Transit Assistance Fund (Proposition A). Funding is available in the 2008-09 Proposition A Adopted Budget for costs incurred this fiscal year. Funding for subsequent years of the contract will be provided in those fiscal year budgets. This request is consistent with the City Financial Policies in that budgeted funds are available for this purpose.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

In a report dated October 10, 2008, the CAO provided background information regarding the proposed contract for the operation of the City's DASH downtown transit services. The CAO stated that on May 28, 2008, the LADOT released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for continued DASH Downtown services, including the operation of 58 vehicles for seven weekday routes and three weekend routes. The RFP required proposals to reflect specific operating and vehicle maintenance standards, reporting requirements, performance measures and route management systems. In addition, the RFP required that the selected contractor offer employment to affected employees of the incumbent contractor working on the current DASH service, in compliance with the City's Service Contractor Worker Retention Ordinance. The RFP also encouraged experienced prime contractors to partner with smaller, community-based firms to allow the smaller firms to better compete for the contract.

The CAO noted that four firms responded to the RFP. They are Veolia Transportation, MV Transportation, First Transit, and Southland Transit. Veolia Transportation received the highest scoring evaluation and is recommended for contract award. The CAO and LADOT report that First Transit currently provides the operation of DASH downtown services. The five-year

contract with First Transit expires on December 31, 2008. If approved, the DASH downtown service contract with Veolia Transportation will begin on January 1, 2009.

At a special meeting held on November 6, 2008, representatives from the CAO and the LADOT gave the Transportation Committee a presentation on the proposed contract for the operation of the City's DASH downtown transit services. At the conclusion of the discussion, the Committee moved to approve the recommendation contained in the CAO report dated October 10, 2008 and authorized a month-to-month extension to First Transit for not more than three months. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

WENDY GREUEL, CHAIR
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
GREUEL:	YES
LABONGE:	ABSENT
ALARCON:	ABSENT
PARKS:	ABSENT
ROSENDAHL:	ABSENT

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