

**Your**

**TRANSPORTATION and  
BUDGET AND FINANCE**

**Committees**

**report as follows:**

TRANSPORTATION and BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEES JOINT REPORT relative to 2010-11 Proposition A funding for the Charter Bus Program.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. SUBMIT WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION the recommendations of the City Administrative Officer (CAO) and Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) in their joint report to Council dated June 16, 2010, regarding the revised Schedule 26 Proposition A Local Transit Assistance Fund and related action.
2. DIRECT the CAO and CLA to report to Council with an analysis of the amount of unallocated Neighborhood Council funds that could be used to provide \$1.7 million for the Charter Bus Program (\$1.5 million for the City Council and \$200,000 for the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy) and other potential sources of funding for the program.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The recommendations of the CAO-CLA joint report would revise the budget for the City's Proposition A funding and provide funding for the City's Charter Bus Program. By providing funding to the Charter Bus Program with Proposition A funds, the anticipated deficit in the City's Proposition A fund for 2012-13 has increased from approximately \$700,000 to approximately \$2.2 million. Future year funding for the various transit programs, including the Charter Bus Program, are determined in future year Proposition A budgets and are subject to the availability of funds. Approving the CAO-CLA recommendations would not impact the General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

### SUMMARY

In their joint report to Council dated June 16, 2010 (attached to the Council file), the CAO and CLA respond to a Council instruction to identify \$1.5 million to continue a portion of the Charter Bus Program. Since the early 1970's, the Department of Transportation has contracted with private charter bus operators to provide charter bus service to community groups, primarily seniors, youths and individuals with disabilities, for recreational, educational, and cultural purposes. The Charter Bus program has continuously provided services through the Mayor's Office, Council Offices, the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Housing Authority, LA's Best, and other agencies.

The CAO and CLA reviewed the Proposition A budget and found that the only funding available to reinstate part of the Charter Bus Program is from the funds reserved in the Unappropriated Balance for future transit capital and service. If Council approves the \$1.5 million for 2010-11, the reduction to this reserve will not impact services over the next two fiscal years, however, it will increase the anticipated deficit in 2012-13 from \$700,000 to \$2.2 million. The CAO and CLA note that since the anticipated deficits do not occur until two years in the future, there is time to make changes that would reduce, and hopefully eliminate, future deficits.

At their joint meeting held June 23, 2010, the Transportation and Budget and Finance Committees discussed this matter with representatives of the CAO and CLA. Committee members expressed the importance of the Charter Bus Program and its benefit for the community. Proposals were made to identify funding to continue bus service for the Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy and to ensure equal and equitable funding for charter bus service citywide. A suggestion was made to use unappropriated Neighborhood Council funds for the program. Concerns were expressed about future Proposition A budget deficits and whether sufficient Neighborhood Council funds were available for the program and if such funds should be used for this purpose.

The Committee directed the CAO and CLA to report to Council with an analysis of the amount of unallocated Neighborhood Council funds, or other potential sources of funding that could be used to support the Charter Bus program. Committee members went on to submit without recommendation the recommendations of the CAO-CLA joint report.

Respectfully submitted,

TRANSPORTATION  
COMMITTEE

BUDGET AND FINANCE  
COMMITTEE

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

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
PARKS:	YES
SMITH:	YES
ROSENDAHL:	YES
HUIZAR:	ABSENT
KORETZ:	YES

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