

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to awarding contracts for on-call transit services offered through Los Angeles Department of Transportation's (LADOT) Charter Bus Program.

Recommendation for Council action:

AUTHORIZE the LADOT to execute contracts for on-call transit services offered through the Charter Bus Program, for terms of five years, to the following eight firms: American Transportation Systems, Fast Deer Bus Charter, Inc., First Student, Inc., Honee Bee Transportation, LLC, Mission School Transportation, Inc., Saravia Charter Lines, Inc., Screamline Investment Corp. (dba: TourCoach Charter and Tours), and Transit Systems Unlimited, Inc.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports that this action will not impact the General Fund. Funding for these services has been set aside in the Proposition A Local Transit Assistance Fund 2018-19 Adopted Budget. Funding for subsequent years for services will be provided in those fiscal year budgets. The compensation for each contractor is unknown as the need for trips are determined on an as-needed basis. The total amount of all funds to be expended shall not exceed \$850,000 per year. Sufficient funding is available in the Proposition A Local Transit Assistance Fund 2018-19 Adopted Budget to fund this expense. This action complies with City financial policies in that sufficient fund revenues are available and eligible for this purpose.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

TIME LIMIT FILE - MARCH 18, 2019

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - MARCH 8, 2019)

SUMMARY

In a report to the Mayor dated January 16, 2019, the CAO states that LADOT requests authority to execute contracts with eight firms for on-call transit services to be offered through the Charter Bus Program. The CAO reports that the City's Charter Bus Program is administered by LADOT and currently provides up to 1,400 bus trips per year to community groups, seniors, youths, and individuals with disabilities. Trips are typically requested through the Mayor's Office, Council Offices, the Department of Recreation and Parks, and other agencies.

According to the CAO, LADOT released a Request for Proposal in September 2018 for the selection of new contractors. Current contracts expire January 31, 2019. Nine proposers responded. One proposer was deemed unresponsive. LADOT recommends approval of the eight listed above. The recommended contractors offer one or multiple bus types such as coach, transit, school buses, and wheelchair accessible buses to provide trips to various clientele. All eight have proven track records and currently have satisfactory inspection ratings for their fleet and facilities by the California Highway Patrol. The rates proposed by the eight proposers increase by an average of 7.96 percent over the five-year term of the proposed contracts. The CAO recommends approval of LADOT's request.

At its meeting held January 23, 2019, the Transportation Committee recommended that Council authorize LADOT to execute contracts with the eight-transit service providers listed above for the Charter Bus Program, as recommended by the CAO.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. K. Bonin', written over the printed name 'MEMBER BONIN'.

MEMBER VOTE

BONIN: YES

MARTINEZ: YES

KORETZ: YES

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