



**CITY OF HAYWARD**  
**AGENDA REPORT**

AGENDA DATE 05/07/02

AGENDA ITEM 4

WORK SESSION ITEM \_\_\_\_\_

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Director of Community and Economic Development

**SUBJECT:** Submittal of a Claim with the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority for use of Measure B Paratransit Funds

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a Claim to the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA) related to Measure B Paratransit Funds for FY 2002-03.

**DISCUSSION:**

For the last 15 years, the Alameda County Measure B ½cent sales tax has supported subsidized paratransit services designed to meet the special transportation needs of older adults and persons with disabilities in Alameda County. Cities in Alameda County are eligible to claim a portion of these funds to provide paratransit services to their constituents.

The City has provided paratransit services to Hayward residents since 1978. In 1979, at the request of Alameda County, Hayward also began to claim the County's portion of available paratransit funds to serve the residents of the unincorporated areas adjacent to Hayward. This consolidation achieved administrative and operational economies that resulted in greater service availability to residents of both jurisdictions.

In November 2001, Alameda County voters approved the extension of the Measure B ½ cent sales tax to fund transportation improvements and services to 2022. The amount expected to be available to the City of Hayward Paratransit Program in FY 2002-03 is approximately \$630,600, a significant increase from the \$355,812 available in FY 2001-02.

The Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority, which administers the allocation of Measure B funds, has encouraged paratransit program operators to promote and increase the amount of paratransit services that are currently offered, as well as to take steps to identify local unmet paratransit needs and develop new services to meet those needs.

*Identifying Local Unmet Paratransit Needs:*

The Hayward Human Services Commission has served as the City's official paratransit program advisory body for many years. The City also has an active consumer-based Paratransit Program Advisory Committee that includes individuals representing different paratransit user groups (i.e., older adults and persons with various types of disabilities including: wheelchair users, dialysis patients, persons with mental health concerns, persons with dementia, etc.) and representatives of the Human Services Commission. Each member of the Committee is able to offer information about the varying paratransit needs of our program participants. Some ideas that have already been identified as areas to consider for program development include:

- Increased services to low-income dialysis patients who are not able to find other reliable subsidized paratransit services to get them to and from dialysis treatments in a timely manner.
- Expanded services to residents of skilled nursing facilities (SNFs): Currently, the City provides paratransit services to residents of SNFs who are unable to utilize other transportation sources to go to and from medical appointments. Additional service is needed by these individuals to see family on weekends, to go shopping, to attend adult education classes and to access other social and recreational events in the community.
- Increased shuttle services to Southland Mall, senior meal sites and other points of interest for low-income Hayward seniors residing in mobile home parks and senior residential facilities.
- Expand services to eligible residents who need transportation to and from center-based social service programs in the community.
- Help eligible low-income residents who need transportation to get home after being discharged from local hospitals.
- Provide travel attendants for those who are unable to afford or obtain their own attendant when help is needed getting up and down stairs, to and from large office buildings, etc.

Recognizing Committee members cannot be knowledgeable of all the different paratransit needs that our constituents have, nor the needs of those in our community who are not now being served, ACTIA is encouraging paratransit operators to conduct local paratransit needs assessments. Staff is planning to develop and implement such a needs assessment during the FY 2002-03 program year. Members of the Paratransit Program Advisory Committee and the Human Services Commission will provide input to the design and implementation of this effort. Other program enhancements will be identified and implemented to the extent possible based on the outcome of the needs assessment.

Currently there are over 850 active paratransit program participants; this number increases by an average of 20 people each month. The number of people that are served in the paratransit program limits the extent to which programs and services can be expanded. In addition, the

contract with our current service provider, Friendly Transportation, Inc., is due to expire at the end of the fiscal year. A Request for Proposals for the Delivery of Paratransit Services was recently issued to identify vendors interested in contracting with the City to provide paratransit services. Staff will be making a recommendation to Council regarding the paratransit provider contract in late May. The cost of providing service under this new contract will also influence the extent to which the paratransit program can expand.

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Approved by:



Jesús Armas, City Manager

Attachment A: Resolution

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HAYWARD CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Introduced by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A CLAIM  
WITH THE ALAMEDA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION  
IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE ALLOCATION OF  
ALAMEDA COUNTY MEASURE B PARATRANSIT FUNDS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002-03**

WHEREAS, the voters of Alameda County approved the extension of the ½ cent "Measure B" sales tax in November 2001, thereby providing sales tax revenues for paratransit services; and

WHEREAS, the Alameda County 20-year Transportation Expenditure Plan provides for the disbursement of funds to eligible claimants for the purpose of providing Special Transportation Services for Seniors and People with Disabilities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the guidelines established by the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority, a prospective claimant wishing to receive an allocation of Measure B paratransit funds shall file a claim with the Alameda County Transportation Authority; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hayward is an eligible claimant for Measure B paratransit funds; and

WHEREAS, Measure B paratransit funds will be required by the City of Hayward in fiscal year 2002-03 in order for it to provide Special Transportation Services for Seniors and People with disabilities for eligible residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Hayward that the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute and file an appropriate claim, together with all necessary supporting documents, with Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority for an allocation of Measure B funds for fiscal year 2002-03.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority in conjunction with the filing of the claim; and the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority be requested to grant the allocation of Measure B paratransit funds for which it is eligible for fiscal year 2002-03.

IN COUNCIL, HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA \_\_\_\_\_, 2002

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk of the City of Hayward

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney of the City of Hayward