



MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 23, 2019
TO: Christine Daniel, City Manager
FROM: Pedro Jimenez, Community Services Director
SUBJECT: **Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Emeryville Authorizing The City Manager To Execute The First Amendment To The '8 To Go' Paratransit Shuttle Service Agreement With The Emeryville Transportation Management Association In The Amount Of \$204,300**

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council of the City of Emeryville adopt the attached resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the First Amendment to the '8 To Go' Paratransit Shuttle Service Agreement with the Emeryville Transportation Management Association to extend the current service agreement through June 30, 2021.

BACKGROUND

The '8 To Go' Paratransit Shuttle has been in service since 2008. The service was initially funded by a grant from the Alameda County Transportation Commission (A-CTC) and provides accessible paratransit services for Emeryville and Oakland residents living in the 94608 zip code (hence the '8' in 8 To Go). Eligible participants must either be age 70 or older or 18 or older and eligible to use East Bay Paratransit. The shuttle service boundaries are 28th Street in the south, Dwight Way in the north, and Broadway/Telegraph in the east. Because of the targeted geographic service area, the program can deliver a higher frequency of rides, faster rides, and is more financially efficient than East Bay Paratransit.

DISCUSSION

When the program began, a partnership was formed with the Emeryville Transportation Management Association (EMTA). The ETMA was able to leverage their contract with their service provider (currently MV Transportation) to provide this service along with the Emery Go Round. The City reimburses the ETMA for the costs associated with paying the driver, fuel, insurance, driver cell phone, vehicle maintenance, and administrative costs. The City is responsible for client intake and vehicle scheduling and dispatch. The current agreement went into effect on July 1, 2017 and included funds to purchase a new vehicle for the program. While the City technically owns the vehicle, ETMA holds the title and performs all operations related to maintenance and ownership. Staff is proposing an amendment to the original contract to continue this arrangement for two more years.

FISCAL IMPACT

The proposed contract amendment with ETMA to provide shuttle services for the two-year period is not to exceed \$204,300. Of this, \$99,800 will be for 2019-20 operations and \$104,500 will be for 2020-21 operations. Currently, the program is paid for by a combination of a Measure BB Grant from A-CTC as well as Measure B/BB Direct Local Distribution (DLD) funding from A-CTC. The most recent grant funds provided \$35,000 for each of two years in FY17/18 and FY18/19. That funding is going to end on June 30, 2019 and the program was not eligible for renewal. The remainder of the costs were covered by DLD funding, which will continue through at least March 30, 2045.

Since 8 To Go serves Oakland residents in addition to Emeryville residents, Oakland has agreed to contribute \$50,000 of its annual DLD funds to the program. Staff are currently in the process of drafting a funding agreement to this end. This plan has already been approved by ACTC. Staff anticipates bringing an agreement for City Council approval this fall.

The remainder of the program costs after Oakland's contribution will continue to be covered by Emeryville's DLD funds. No General Fund dollars will be needed to support the program.

Until the funding agreement with Oakland is in place, funding previously approved by City Council for use for 8 To Go in FY19/20 will be allocated as a placeholder. Once the funding agreement with Oakland is in place, that funding will be released for other uses.

STAFF COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

The Commission on Aging recommended that the City Council adopt the amendment at their regular meeting on June 12th, 2019.

CONCLUSION

The ETMA approved the amendment at their Board Meeting on June 20th, 2019.

PREPARED BY: Brad Helfenberger, Recreation Manager

**APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE:**



Christine Daniel, City Manager

ATTACHMENTS

- Draft Resolution
- Contract Amendment
- Original Agreement