AGENDA ITEM #: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: June 27, 2016 COAC #: 16-5851

#### CITY COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: Approve an amendment to the IGA between the city of Goodyear and the Regional Public Transit Authority for the provision of transit services.

**STAFF PRESENTER:** Christine McMurdy,

**Grants Administrator** 

**CASE NUMBER:** N/A

**OTHER PRESENTER:** N/A

# **RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize the City Manager to approve an Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the city of Goodyear and the Regional Public Transit Authority (RPTA) for the provision of transit services in Goodyear.

# **PURPOSE:**

The current IGA establishes responsibilities for the provision of transit services in Goodyear, including Fixed Route Bus Service, reimbursement of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Public Transportation Funds and administration of the ADA Platinum Pass program for a five-year period. The amendment presented for consideration herein, transfers the cost of the ADA Platinum Pass program from the city to the RPTA, adds the obligation for the city to provide Regional Dial-a-Ride (RDAR) service and updates the cost for the city to provide Fixed Route Bus Services (Avondale Zoom service) for Fiscal Year 2017.

#### **BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS ACTIONS:**

In November 2014, during the City Council retreat, Councilmembers expressed interest in committing unallocated transit revenues towards extension of existing transit services like the Zoom Circulator.

On August 31, 2015, the City Council adopted an IGA with the RPTA that authorized the provision of the Platinum Pass program, the transfer of ADA Paratransit funds to the city and the extension of the Avondale Zoom Circulator into Goodyear.

On October 26, 2015, the City Council approved the first amendment to the RPTA IGA that established the total miles and cost of the extension of the Avondale Zoom Circulator into Goodyear.

On January 14, 2016, the City Council received a Yellow Paper regarding ADA Transportation Services.

# **STAFF ANALYSIS:**

Continuing the Zoom extension in Goodyear is consistent with recommendations made in the Southwest Valley Local Transit System Study (2013) and the City of Goodyear Transportation Master Plan (2014).

## **FISCAL ANALYSIS:**

### **ADA Platinum Pass Program:**

Prior to this amendment, Valley Metro deducted the cost for Platinum Pass customers to ride fixed route bus service (\$2.50 per ride) from the city's ADA Public Transportation Fund allocation. The Amendment states that the RPTA will cover the cost for Goodyear residents that are Platinum Pass customers, eliminating the deduction from city's ADA PTF allocation.

#### **Avondale Zoom Extension:**

The extension of the Zoom Circulator into Goodyear is funded with federal Avondale/Goodyear Urbanized Area Funds ("Operating Assistance"), which contributes 50% federal funding to the operating cost for local transit service. Goodyear's 50% match is paid with Arizona Lottery Funds (ALF). The current balance of ALF funds is \$672,371. These funds may be used for transit programs and projects only. (ALF Funds are also being used to pay for electricity at the Goodyear Park and Ride (about \$10-\$11,000 per year).

FY2016-17 Avondale Zoom Circulator = **\$144,857** 

FY 17 Avondale Zoom Fixed Route Estimate					
<u>Service</u>	Total Miles	Gross Cost	<u>Fares</u>	Op Assist	Net Cost
Weekday	51,418	\$258,394	(\$3,733)	(\$13,153)	\$124,508
Saturday	8,358	\$42,002	(\$386)	(\$21,267)	\$20,349
Grand Total	59,776	\$300,396	(\$4,119)	(\$151,420)	\$144,857

Total cost for the Avondale Zoom Extension in FY2015-16 was \$118,907 for the period of October-June 2016. The Amendment reflects an increased cost for this fiscal year because it covers an additional three months; July-June 2017.

#### **RDAR Service:**

The maximum amount of ADA Public Transportation Revenue Funds (PTF) the city is entitled to receive for FY2016-17 is \$19,067. RPTA uses these funds to credit actual costs for RDAR trips in Goodyear. The cost estimate for RDAR trips for FY2016-17 is \$4,889.

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# **ATTACHMENTS:**

- Amended IGA with the Regional Public Transit Authority
- ADA Paratransit Ride Guide
- Letter to all current Dial-A-Ride passengers from Valley Metro

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