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## CITY COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

**SUBJECT:** Approve Amendment Seven to the IGA between the city of Goodyear and the Regional Public Transit Authority for the continued provision of transit services and related FY2020 budget transfer.

**STAFF PRESENTER(S):** Christine McMurdy, Administrative Services Supervisor

**OTHER PRESENTER(S):** N/A

**Summary:** The seventh amendment to the IGA will renew Valley Metro's obligation to provide four inbound and four outbound express bus trips at the Goodyear Park and Ride, fixed route bus service on Route 3 and Route 17, Zoom Circulator service along Litchfield and McDowell Roads and Paratransit services via Dial A Ride. Due to a cost increase in the paratransit portion, a budget transfer is required.

**Recommendation:**

Authorize the City Manager to approve Transit Services Amendment Seven between the City of Goodyear and the Regional Public Transit Authority for the continued provision of transit services in Goodyear and a \$21,000 budget transfer using Arizona Lottery Funds.

**Fiscal Impact:** The FY2020 cost of the city's share of services under this agreement is \$266,497, which includes both the Zoom extension in Goodyear and paratransit services.

The Zoom includes the Goodyear portion of the route. The cost net of fare revenue is split evenly between Federal operating assistance and the city. The city share of \$191,378 is included in the FY2020 base budget using Arizona Lottery Funds (ALF). This is an increase of \$41,761 from FY2019. The increase results from the full year cost for Sunday and holiday services, which were approved by the City Council and added during mid-FY2019, plus increases in contractor rates and the cost of diesel fuel.

The FY2020 estimated city share of the cost of this federally mandated paratransit service is \$75,119 after fare revenue and \$14,440 in Public Transportation Funds (Prop 400) are deducted. This is an increase of \$62,427, which is primarily due to the change in the service provider for FY2020 from the City of Phoenix to Valley Metro. The City of Phoenix was not charging a fully allocated cost (i.e. non-revenue miles, overhead, contingency). Under Valley Metro's contractor, the city will have to pay these additional costs.

The increase in paratransit expense is larger than anticipated in preparing the FY2020 base budget. As a result, a budget transfer to increase the FY2020 budget using the ALF fund balance of \$21,000 is needed. The projected available ALF Fund balance after FY2020 budgeted revenues and expenses is \$415,900.

## **Background and Previous Actions**

Schedule A of the Amendment refers to regionally funded Fixed Route Bus Service, which includes the Route 562 Express bus operating out of the Goodyear Park and Ride Monday through Friday and the Route 17 (McDowell Road) and Route 3 (Van Buren). The half-cent sales tax (Proposition 400) funds this service in the amount of \$391,781. The city is not required to make any additional contributions for Express bus service and Routes 17 and 3.

Schedule B refers to the Avondale ZOOM neighborhood circulator which connects residents of Goodyear, Avondale and Tolleson to local destinations for \$0.50 per ride. In Goodyear the route operates between the Goodyear Community Park North to 136th Dr. and McDowell Rd. The Circulator operates Monday-Friday from 5am-9pm and Saturday and Sunday from 6am-6pm.

Schedule C and Schedule E refer to federally mandated ADA paratransit (Dial A Ride) service which is required to be provided within  $\frac{3}{4}$  miles of Route 17, Route 3 and the ZOOM circulator route in Goodyear. In July 2017 Valley Metro implemented Regional Paratransit service which allows ADA certified individuals to travel on Dial A Ride throughout the region without making a transfer between jurisdictions. Schedule C of the Amendment shows that after the city's allocation of Proposition 400 Paratransit funds, which are identified in Schedule E, the city will be required to pay \$75,119 for FY2020.

## **Staff Analysis**

### **Zoom Ridership**

In 2018, transit ridership overall in the valley was down about the same percentage as Zoom, although even during some of the hottest summer months last year, ridership was up. Average ridership for the year, each year, has increased (2016: 736, 2017: 892, and 2018: 961). One of the highest activity stops in Goodyear is at the Community Park, where passengers disembark to walk to employment and retail locations at Indian School Road. The city of Avondale is planning to change the Zoom route in October 2020 to combine both their north and south Zoom routes into one contiguous route which will include the intersection of Litchfield Road and Indian School Road. The other high activity stop in Goodyear is the Abrazo hospital complex on McDowell Road.

### **Paratransit Service – Dial A Ride**

ADA Paratransit service (Dial A Ride) is shared-ride, door-to-door or curb-to-curb transportation (provided in vans and taxicabs) that is provided to people with disabilities who are unable, or have

limited ability because of their disability, to use fixed-route buses or trains. All public transit agencies that provide fixed-route bus and rail service are required by the ADA to provide this service.

Currently this service is provided by Phoenix Dial A Ride. However, starting July 1, 2019, Valley Metro Paratransit will be the new service provider for all local and regional paratransit service for the City of Goodyear. Additionally, thanks to introduction of Zoom service on Sundays, Valley Metro Paratransit (Dial A Ride) will also be available on Sundays within ¾ mile of Zoom service Goodyear.

## **Attachments**

RPTA IGA Amendment 7 FY2020