

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Matthew Fertal
Dept.: City Manager
Subject: OCTA SENIOR MOBILITY PROGRAM

From: Kimberly Huy
Dept.: Community Services
Date: March 25, 2008

OBJECTIVE

To provide information regarding the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Senior Mobility Program and to request that the City Council authorize staff to commence negotiations with OCTA to develop an agreement.

BACKGROUND

For over 20 years, the City has had an Agreement with OCTA to provide Subscription Transportation Services to the H. Louis Lake Senior Center and Acacia Adult Day Services. In 2001, the OCTA Board of Directors approved the Senior Mobility Program (SMP), which is a voluntary program that provides the means for local jurisdictions to offer senior transportation services that complement OCTA's regional bus and ACCESS Para-transit services. During the 2006-2007 fiscal year, Acacia discontinued using the Subscription Service in order to take advantage of the OCTA Senior Mobility Program. The City has continued to use the Subscription Service.

DISCUSSION

Under the Senior Mobility Program, OCTA provides vehicles, operating funds and technical assistance to participating agencies. Local jurisdictions have discretion in how these resources are used and how local senior transportation services are provided. The local jurisdiction may operate the service in whatever manner best serves its clients. Options include:

- Service operated directly by the local jurisdiction,
- Service contracted to a provider, or
- Resources may be provided directly to users through transportation vouchers.

As trip purposes and program eligibility requirements may be tailored by the participating agency to meet local needs, the SMP will provide a continuation of senior transportation services, and allow Senior Center staff to provide greater flexibility to participants at the Center.

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Staff is proposing that the City begin negotiations with OCTA to develop an agreement for a Senior Mobility Program for the Senior Center, and that under that agreement, the City will contract with a local transportation provider to operate and maintain the vehicles.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Funding for the service is split between OCTA, the Orange County Office on Aging and the City. In FY 2008-2009, OCTA will provide \$28,867, and the Office on Aging will provide \$29,580. The City is required to provide a 20 percent match, which can be in-kind or financial. The match will consist of an in-kind match of \$5,625 in staff salaries, and \$10,202 from the General Fund.

COMMUNITY VISION

The Senior Mobility Program addresses the Community Vision because it "enhances support systems for senior citizens, including provision of...public transportation."

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that City Council:

- Authorize staff to commence negotiations with OCTA to develop an agreement for the Senior Mobility Program.

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