



**Board Report**

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**REVISED**  
**OPERATIONS, SAFETY, AND CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE COMMITTEE**  
**JANUARY 21, 2021**

**SUBJECT: GLENDALE BEELINE ROUTE 3 / LADOT DASH 601, DASH 602 AND COMMUTER EXPRESS 422, AND PVPTA LINE 225/226 TRANSIT SERVICE OPERATION AGREEMENTS**

**ACTION: APPROVE AGREEMENTS**

**RECOMMENDATION**

CONSIDER:

- A. EXTENDING the Transit Service Operation Agreement between LACMTA and the City of Glendale for the Glendale Beeline Route 3 for a period of two years through June 30, 2023 for an amount up to \$1,300,845, which is inclusive of estimated Consumer Price Index (CPI) rates;
- B. EXTENDING the Transit Service Operation Agreement between LACMTA and the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) for Dash Pico Union/Echo Park 601, Dash El Sereno/City Terrace 602, and Commuter Express 422 for a period of two years for an amount up to \$8,900,520;
- C. EXTENDING the Transit Service Operation Agreement between LACMTA and the Palos Verdes Peninsula Transportation Authority (PVPTA) for operation of the Line 225/226 for period of two years for an amount up to \$509,426;
- D. AUTHORIZING the Chief Executive Officer, or their designee, to negotiate and execute all necessary agreements between LACMTA and the City of Glendale for funding approval;
- E. AUTHORIZING the Chief Executive Officer, or their designee, to negotiate and execute all necessary agreements between LACMTA and the LADOT; and
- F. AUTHORIZING the Chief Executive Officer, or their designee, to negotiate and execute all necessary agreements between LACMTA and the PVPTA for funding approval.

**ISSUE**

The current agreement between LACMTA and the City of Glendale, to fund a portion of Glendale Beeline Route 3 and Line 177, will expire on June 30, 2021. Staff is requesting Board authority to continue the agreement through June 30, 2023, as the service replaces the former western extension of Metro's directly operated Line 177.

The current agreement between LACMTA and LADOT to fund a portion of Dash Pico Union/Echo Park 601, Dash El Sereno/City Terrace 602, and Commuter Express 422 will expire on June 30, 2021. Staff is requesting Board authority to continue the agreement through June 30, 2023.

The current agreement between LACMTA and PVPTA funds a portion of Line 225/226 and will expire on June 30, 2021. Staff is requesting Board authority to continue the agreement through June 30, 2023.

### **BACKGROUND**

In FY98, Metro implemented a Consent Decree Pilot Program to improve mobility for the transit dependent. In July 1999, the Board of Directors approved the service modifications based on the Consent Decree Pilot Program and Public Hearing results. The term of the agreement was for one year from the initial date of operations with automatic one-year renewals which include changes to service levels as needed.

### **DISCUSSION**

#### City of Glendale

In February 2000, the LACMTA Board approved ten-year agreement in which LACMTA would discontinue operating service on the western portion of MTA Route 177 between the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) and downtown Glendale. Line 177 is now a contract line operated for Metro via a private bus company. The service is considered a local community service that is more suited to be integrated into the Beeline service operated by the City of Glendale.

The City of Glendale agreed to operate on the days of week, span of service, and frequencies of service equal to or better than that operated by the LACMTA. The rate will be indexed each year according to the CPI based on the prior year's rate for the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim Urbanized Area (not seasonally adjusted).

#### City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation

The Transit Service Operations Agreement between LACMTA and the City of Los Angeles has been effective since its implementation as part of the Consent Decree. The service has enabled both agencies to focus on operating services more appropriate to each agency's core mission. In FY20, lines 422, 601 and 602 scheduled 97,119 RSH and reported approximately 1,495,184 annual passenger trips.

#### City of Palos Verdes Peninsula Transportation Authority

PVPTA began providing service to the Palos Verdes Peninsula in 1995. At the time of the Consent Decree Metro Line 225/226 was the only local bus line operated in this part of the County. In 2006, it was determined that Line 225/226 would be best, and most cost effectively, operated by PVPTA via subsidy from LACMTA. In FY20, line 225/226 scheduled 6,131 RSH and reported

approximately 21,190 annual passenger trips. Please refer to Attachments A, B, and C for additional ridership and service information relating to City of Glendale, LADOT and PVPTA service.

#### Performance Evaluation

During the agreement period, Metro staff will continue to evaluate the performance of the lines to ensure that the service provided aligns with Metro's transit service policies, efficiency standards, and meets the needs of our customers.

#### **DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT**

Approval of this item will not have any impact on the safety of our customers and employees.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Funding to run all three agreements through June 30, 2021 is included in the adopted FY21 budget. The full value of the City of Glendale service agreement is up to \$1,300,845, LADOT is \$8,900,520, and PVPTA is \$509,426, for a complete total of \$10,710,791-\$10,710,790. Funding of \$5,342,642, will be requested in the proposed FY22 budget to extend the agreements and provide the FY22 service levels. All funds for these transit service agreements are/will be included in cost center 3590 (Contract Services), Account 54001 (Subsidies) under project number 306006 (System-wide Bus Operations Management and Administration).

Since these are multi-year contracts, the cost center/project manager will be responsible for budgeting these costs in future fiscal years.

#### Impact to Budget

Funding for this action will come from the Enterprise Operating fund. The source of funds will be from Federal, State, and Local sources including sales tax and fares. Allocation of these funds to these actions maximizes their intended use given approved funding guidelines and provisions.

#### **IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS**

Approval of this recommendation supports the following Metro Strategic Plan Goal: 3) Enhance communities and lives through mobility and access to opportunity. Metro will continue work towards making Los Angeles County's transportation system more accessible, inclusive, and responsive to the needs of the diverse communities it serves.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

Staff will execute a renewal of the current Transit Service Operation Agreements between LACMTA and the City of Glendale for the Glendale Beeline Route 3 and Line 177; will execute an agreement between LACMTA and the City of Los Angeles for Dash Pico Union/Echo Park 601, Dash El Sereno/City Terrace 602, and Commuter Express 422; and will execute an agreement between LACTMA and PVPTA for Line 225/226. During the agreement period LACMTA staff will continue to evaluate the performance of the lines, findings, and recommendations to ensure that the service provided aligns with Metro's transit service policies, efficiency standards, and meet the needs of our

diverse customers and stakeholders.

**ATTACHMENTS**

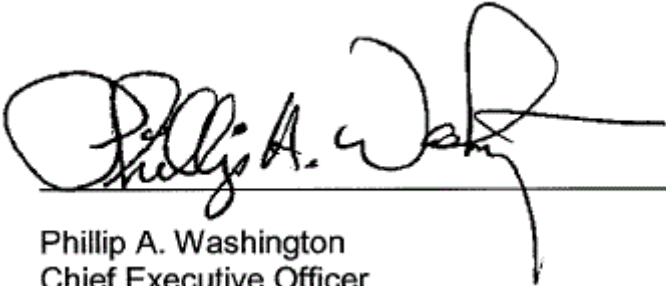
Attachment A - Map of Glendale Service Area

Attachment B - Map of LADOT Service Area

Attachment C - Map of PVPTA Service Area

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