

# **Board Report**

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# SYSTEM SAFETY, SECURITY AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE AUGUST 18, 2016

SUBJECT: CONTRACTED BUS SERVICES - SOUTH REGION

ACTION: APPROVE CONTRACT MODIFICATION

# **RECOMMENDATION**

AUTHORIZE the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Contract Modification No. 10 to Contract No. OP35902470 with MV Transportation, Inc. to **extend Contracted Bus Services - South Region for up to ten (10) months**, for the period covering September 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, for an amount not-to-exceed \$18,666,336, thereby increasing the total contract amount from \$88,775,825 to not to exceed \$107,442,161.

# **ISSUE**

The contract with MV Transportation, Inc. (MVTI) for operating bus service in the South Region is scheduled to expire on September 1, 2016. Metro is in the process of issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a new contract in the South Region of Los Angeles County. This region covers the South Bay and Gateway Cities area.

Contract authority is required to continue the current level of service while the procurement process is completed and a subsequent contract is awarded.

## DISCUSSION

Metro began contracting a portion of the bus service in 1996. Metro now operates 18 bus lines that are contracted to private transportation companies. The South Region contractor MVTI currently operates seven of these bus lines (lines 125, 128, 130, 205, 232, 607, and 625) and a portion of Metro's Dodger Stadium Express service.

Contracting a portion of the service has had both cost and operations benefits. Annual savings are realized through the lower operating costs of the contractors. Contracted service allows for greater flexibility in the ability to modify service levels and operate with the space requirements at our Metro Bus Divisions.

The current contract was established with MVTI on October 31, 2010. Since then, MVTI has operated safe and reliable service and complied with FTA and Metro's guidelines. Service is run out

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of a facility located in Carson, California. Metro has an In Service On Time Performance (ISOTP) goal of 80%. In FY16, MVTI operated at an efficient ISOTP level of 79.19%.

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

The current contractor has performed the service with a satisfactory safety record, and is familiar with the service area and the present equipment.

# FINANCIAL IMPACT

The funding of \$18,666,336 for this contracted service is included in the FY17 budget in Cost Center 3592; Project 306001, Operations Transportation; and Account 50801, Purchased Transportation.

#### Impact to Budget

The source of funds for this service will come from Federal, State and local funding sources that are eligible for Bus Operating Projects. These funding sources will maximize the use of funds for these activities.

# **ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

The alternative to modifying this contract is to directly operate the South Region lines. To directly operate the service would see a cost per revenue service hour increase of approximately 50%. Training would be required to operate and maintain the different types of buses currently used to provide contracted bus service. This alternative is not recommended.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

Upon Board approval, staff will execute Contract Modification No. 10 with MV Transportation, Inc. to provide contracted service through June 30, 2017.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A - Procurement Summary

Attachment B - Contract Modification/Change Order Log

Attachment C - DEOD Summary

Attachment D - Service Map

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