



Board Agenda Item No. 10 September 23, 2021

RECOMMENDATION ACTION

To authorize the President and CEO to enter into a service agreement with the City of Carson to provide fixed route bus service.

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE

Kenneth A. McDonald, President and CEO

BACKGROUND

The City of Carson is seeking to have fixed route bus service provided to the residents of Carson through an agreement with Long Beach Transit (LBT).

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, on March 28, 2020, the City of Carson made the decision to suspend its transportation service, the Carson Circuit, to ensure the safety of its customers during the pandemic. During that time, the City took the opportunity to consider alternate transportation service options to support a broader section of its community not being served by the Carson Circuit.

Carson Circuit

Prior to March 28, 2020, the Carson Circuit was a fixed route bus service operated Monday through Saturday. The Carson Circuit provided seven bus routes around the City of Carson and provided bus connections to other neighboring municipal transit agencies. There was a North-South Shuttle route that traveled throughout Carson starting and ending at the Harbor Gateway Transit Center.

The City of Carson and LBT entered discussions and subsequent negotiations to provide fixed route transit services to the City of Carson. The new service will expand transportation access for Carson residents, connecting major hubs such as California State University, Dominguez Hills (CSUDH), the Harbor UCLA Medical Center and the SouthBay Pavilion, and:

- Improves connections to key activity centers and destinations in the City of Carson
- Delivers more direct and bi-directional services within Carson
- Complements existing transit services distributed by other transit providers
- Enhances regional connectivity for Carson residents to high-capacity transit like Metro's J (Silver) and A (Blue) lines
- Sustains greater opportunity, availability, and accessibility to jobs within and outside the City of Carson
- Increases the number of transit service hours delivered in the City of Carson
- Supplies more frequent transit services for residents



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LBT Routes	Service Span			Frequency of Service (Headway in Minutes)		
	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
2	5:05AM - 7:30PM	10:15AM - 6:00PM	No Service	40	40	No Service
4	5:15AM - 7:45PM	10:35AM - 5:45PM	No Service	40	40	No Service
8	5:10AM - 7:50PM	10:30AM - 5:50PM	No Service	40	40	No Service

The proposed service was presented at the City of Carson's July 20, 2021 Council meeting. The Council unanimously approved a motion for the City Manager to negotiate an agreement with LBT to provide fixed-route services to the City of Carson.

LBT and the City of Carson partnered on an extensive public outreach effort to inform and educate Carson residents on the details of the new service. Information on the proposed service was posted on the LBT and City of Carson websites, including social media postings.



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Additionally, letters were sent to the residents, businesses and area elected officials communicating the service and proposed new bus stops in the new service area.

Public comments on the service were solicited for 30 days from August 16 – September 16, 2021. A virtual public workshop was held on September 8, 2021.

On September 7, 2021, the Carson City Council met at a regularly scheduled meeting and voted unanimously to approve the service agreement with LBT.

Upon approval of the LBT Board of Directors, service implementation may begin as early as the week of September 26, 2021.

BUDGETARY/FISCAL IMPACT

The initial service agreement is planned for a three-year period. The service will be funded through the City of Carson's Proposition A Local Return allocation and/or eligible Proposition C allocations.

The base service agreement provides a flat annual rate of \$1,770,000 for a 12-month period. The total compensation for the initial three-year term of services shall not exceed \$5,310,000.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff is recommending LBT's Board of Directors to authorize the President and CEO to enter into a three-year agreement with the City of Carson to provide Fixed Route services.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "K. McDonald".

Kenneth A. McDonald
President and Chief Executive Officer



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RESOLUTION OF LONG BEACH TRANSIT

Resolution authorizing the President and CEO to enter a service agreement with the City of Carson to provide fixed route bus service to the City of Carson.

WHEREAS, Long Beach Transit (LBT), is a non-profit corporation Long Beach Transit (LBT) is a nonprofit corporation that was established in 1963 and operates a public transit system with a wide range of services including fixed-route bus service, demand-response paratransit, water taxi service and special seasonal services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Carson desires to enter into an agreement with LBT to provide fixed route bus service to the residents of the City of Carson; and

WHEREAS, at a City of Carson Council meeting on July 20, 2021, LBT presented a proposal to provide fixed route bus service; and

WHEREAS, LBT engaged a robust 30-day public review period to invite comments from the public on the proposed service; and

WHEREAS, at a City of Carson Council meeting on September 7, 2021, the City Council voted unanimously to execute an agreement with LBT to provide fixed route bus service.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that LBT President and CEO, or his/her designee, be authorized to execute all required documents with the City of Carson for the provision of fixed route bus service.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned duly appointed Secretary/Treasurer certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution, adopted at a legally convened meeting of the LBT Board of Directors held on September 23, 2021.

Colleen Bentley
Secretary/Treasurer, Board of Directors

Date