

**CITY OF TORRANCE  
INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION**

**DATE:** November 22, 2011

**TO:** Mayor and Members of City Council

**FROM:** Mary K. Giordano, Assistant City Manager

**SUBJECT:** Additional Information regarding the Council Meeting of  
November 22, 2011

Attached are responses to questions that have arisen regarding Council Agenda  
Items 12A, 12B, and 12D on this evening's agenda.

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cc: City Clerk  
Attachment: Questions and Responses (3 pages)

**November 22, 2011 - COUNCIL ITEM 12A – Transit Department**

APPROVE AGREEMENT AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE DIAL-A-TAXI SERVICE AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS. EXPENDITURE: \$140,000

**Q. The item says that we will be over budget by \$140,000, and yet the next sentence states that the project will be within budget for 2011. Can these statements be further explained? Also, can we go into more detail about the source of funds that make up the \$140,000?** (Council Member Numark)

A. *The Torrance Community Transit Program (TCTP) is an umbrella for two (2) taxi populations. The Senior Taxi and the Dial-A-Taxi (Disabled) programs. They each have separate contract service agreements and budgets. The Dial-A-Taxi program exceeds Council approved contract limits and budget by \$140,000. The sentence about being within budget refers to the Senior Taxi program which is projected to be within budget for 2011.*

*The source of funding to make up the \$140,000 will include the Senior Taxi program projected to be \$30,000 under budget and reductions in materials, supplies and contract services.  
(Jim Mills, Transit Administration Manager)*

**November 22, 2011 - COUNCIL ITEM 12B – Public Works Department**

AUTHORIZE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR PRELIMINARY DESIGN FOR UNDERGROUNDING OF OVERHEAD UTILITIES ALONG A PORTION OF DEL AMO BOULEVARD AND A PORTION OF VAN NESS AVENUE. EXPENDITURE: APPROXIMATELY \$165,500

**Q. What other locations/streets were considered for undergrounding of utility wires?**  
(Council Member Numark)

A. *City staff conducted several field surveys along arterial and collector roadways for opportunities to implement undergrounding projects with an estimated cost matching available funds in the Development Impact Fee account (DIF) for Undergrounding. These locations were then further investigated with SCE representatives to ensure the viability of the proposed improvements. The two locations on the Council agenda, Del Amo between Henrietta & Victor and Van Ness between Torrance & Cravens, presented an opportunity to underground existing overhead utilities within the amount of available funding. Further, the opposite sides of each roadway already had underground utilities, thereby presenting an opportunity to declare each of these roadway segments as underground districts. Future undergrounding considerations may be developed by City staff and brought to the Community Planning & Design Committee for review and consideration. (Ted Semaan, Engineering Manager)*

**Q. Why is there a 5-year restriction about the use of the undergrounding fees?**  
(Council Member Numark)

A. *The restriction is per California Government Code 66000 (AB 1600). This section sets the guidelines of how development impact fees are collected and the timeframe by which they need to be expended. (Ted Semaan, Engineering Manager)*

**Q. If the restriction is based on the Council's own resolution, can that resolution be amended?** *(Council Member Numark)*

A. *The restrictions are based on State law, not on Council resolution and therefore a change may not be implemented through an amendment by Council. (Ted Semaan, Engineering Manager)*

**Q. If those fees are not used, where do the funds go?** *(Council Member Numark)*

A. *Upon expiration, fees collected would be returned to the original depositor(s). If necessary, the Finance Department has a detailed database of each fee collected, i.e. from whom, when and how much, to refund DIF fees. (Ted Semaan, Engineering Manager)*

**November 22, 2011 - COUNCIL ITEM 12D – Public Works Department**

SET HEARING DATE FOR PROPOSED FEE INCREASE TO PROVIDE GREEN WASTE RECYCLING PROGRAM CITYWIDE.

**Q. If recycling revenue continues to increase, what will be the impact on the proposed fee?** *(Council Member Numark)*

A. Our new recycling contract is in effect until July 11, 2015 with (2) 1-year options. The new rate of \$65/ton represents \$190k annually above the old rate of \$48/ton. The new recycling rates have been considered in the current rate proposal. *(Matt Knapp, Sanitation Manager)*