

Council Meeting of
April 17, 2012

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: Transit- Authorize City Manager to submit Federal Congestion Management Air Quality Grant Application.

EXPENDITURE: \$1,200,000.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council authorize the City Manager to submit on behalf of the Torrance Transit System a Federal Congestion Management Air Quality (CMAQ) grant application to operate the Los Angeles County Congestion Reduction Demonstration ("ExpressLanes") Project. Expenditure: \$1,200,000.

FUNDING:

Torrance Transit's approved funding for this demonstration project is \$1,200,000 of CMAQ funds for one-year of operating subsidy.

BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS:

On September 25, 2008, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) Board approved the programming of \$290.6 million in Federal and State funds to support the implementation of projects for the Los Angeles County Congestion Reduction Demonstration Project (known as the "ExpressLanes Project"). The goal of this project includes transit improvements and the conversion of high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes on Interstate 10 and Interstate 110 to high occupancy toll (HOT) lanes.

Being a regional project, Torrance Transit and several other transit agencies have been invited to and then approved for participation. As a sponsoring transit agency in the project, Torrance Transit will modify and expand services we currently provide on our Fixed Bus Routes – Line number 1.

On August 25, 2009, your honorable body approved an agreement with LACMTA to participate in the project. The original implementation date was December 2010; however, due to construction delays this demonstration project is now projected to be ready for implementation by October of 2012, and will operate for one-year. At the conclusion of this project, LACMTA may or may not choose to continue its operation.

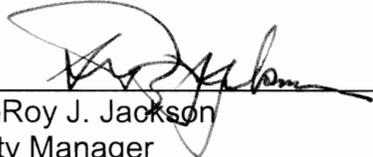
Torrance Transit, however, will retain ownership of the four (4) Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses that have been purchased for this regional project.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Turner
Transit Director

CONCUR:



LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager