



## REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

**DATE:** MAY 13, 2015

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** GREG RAMIREZ, CITY MANAGER 

**BY:** LOUIS CELAYA, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER 

**SUBJECT:** APPROVAL AWARD OF CONTRACT WITH CITY OF THOUSAND OAKS TO PROVIDE PARATRANSIT SERVICES (DIAL-A-RIDE)

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The City currently contracts with First Transit Inc., to provide paratransit services (Dial-A-Ride) for City of Agoura Hills residents and the unincorporated area of Agoura within the County of Los Angeles. First Transit, Inc. has held this contract since 2003, formerly under Laidlaw Transit. In 2011, the City Council approved an extension of the agreement for an additional three years. In 2014, the City Council authorized a one-year extension to the current agreement, with a scheduled termination date of June 30, 2015. The final extension was approved under the condition that City staff would solicit perspective paratransit service companies, as the landscape of City transportation services had changed.

On January 22, 2015, City staff released a RFQ/RFP package soliciting paratransit services from various service providers. The City received three proposals from the following firms: 1) First Transit Inc., 2) Roadrunner Shuttle, and 3) City of Thousand Oaks/MV Transportation. Proposals were reviewed by City staff and the City's transportation consultant, Patti Post & Associates. Oral interviews were conducted on March 18, 2015, with all three proposers and, at the conclusion of the interviews, staff solicited "best and final offers" from all three firms. Upon review of the best and final offers, City staff narrowed the proposers to two firms, City of Thousand Oaks/MV Transportation and Roadrunner Shuttle. The following identifies the proposed cost for the term of the new three-year agreement:

Firm	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18
City of Thousand Oaks/MV Transportation	\$270,538	\$274,064	\$278,610
Roadrunner Shuttle	\$264,220	\$270,825	\$277,596

After careful review of the best and final offers, staff is recommending the City of Thousand Oaks/MV Transportation as the new provider for the Dial-A-Ride Program. On April 20, 2015, staff met with the Public Works Subcommittee to discuss the proposed transition to a new provider and received their support.

Under the agreement, the City will continue to provide the vehicles (three vans, one shuttle bus), while the contractor will provide the spare vehicle to account for vehicle breakdown or vehicles requiring routine maintenance services. The vehicles will be housed at the City of Thousand Oaks Municipal Services Center, approximately 11 miles from the City. Maintenance of the vehicle will still be the responsibility of the contractor. The office location for the project manager and assigned staff will be at the City of Thousand Oaks's Transportation Center, approximately, 6.9 miles from the City. The Dial-A-Ride program's days and hours will remain the same, and the Ladyface Loop will continue to operate in its current capacity. The City of Thousand Oaks and its sub-contractor, MV Transportation, have a wealth of experience and resources to effectively run the City's smaller Dial-A-Ride Program.

The City of Thousand Oaks is also providing the following services and resources, at no additional cost, in connection with the propose contract:

- New rider scheduling technology (provide CTO up-to-the-minute vehicle location and productivity information)
- Mobile App Programs (provides riders with up-to-minute information to passengers on the status of their trips)
- Mobile Data Terminals inside the vans (Assists CTO with real time information to monitor on-road operations, trip deliveries, vehicle location, etc.)

There is also a fuel provision within the agreement that will allow for the City to purchase fuel at the City of Thousand Oaks Municipal Service Center at a set price below current regional fuel station prices. This is the same rate Thousand Oaks Transit pays for fuel for its own fleet vehicles. The City will the pay same for fuel as Thousand Oaks Transit over the term of the agreement. At the time of the proposal received, fuel prices were estimated to be \$.30 lower than regional fueling stations. It should be noted that with the inclusion of the fueling provision in the agreement, the projected not to exceed cost amounts listed in the table above will be less as a result of the fueling provision.

The agreement will commence on July 1, 2015, and conclude on June 30, 2018. There is also a provision for a one-year agreement extension, available at the conclusion of the contract, should the City desire to continue the agreement beyond the term period.

The agreement contains, essentially, the same features as the current contract, such as direction to prepare a City fleet status report every six months, inclusion of language in the agreement that incorporates provisions in our paratransit agreement with Los Angeles County for providing insurance documentation and indemnification to Los Angeles County, and displaying fact sheets and flyers regarding the Safely Surrendered

Baby Law. Proposition A Transportation funds and MTA grant funds will continue to pay for the program.

Upon approval of the agreement, City staff will work with the City of Thousand Oaks and our current transportation provider on the transitional aspects to ensure seamless and minimal impact for all our passengers.

The proposed agreement has been reviewed by the City Attorney and approved as to form.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the City Council approve the Agreement for Contract Services, Between the City of Agoura Hills and the City of Thousand Oaks for Paratransit Services (Dial-A-Ride) from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018.

Attachment: Agreement with Exhibits A-E

**AGREEMENT FOR CONTRACTOR SERVICES  
WITH THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS**

<b>NAME OF CONTRACTOR:</b>	City of Thousand Oaks
<b>RESPONSIBLE PRINCIPAL OF CONTRACTOR:</b>	Attn: Mike Houser
<b>CONTRACTOR'S ADDRESS:</b>	1993 Rancho Conejo Rd. Thousand Oaks, CA, 91362
<b>CITY'S ADDRESS:</b>	City of Agoura Hills 30001 Ladyface Court Agoura Hills, CA 91301 Attn: City Manager
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	Louis Celaya
<b>COMMENCEMENT DATE:</b>	July 1, 2015
<b>TERMINATION DATE:</b>	June 30, 2018
<b>CONSIDERATION:</b>	Contract Price \$832,212 Not to Exceed:  Year 1 - \$270,538 Year 2 - \$274,064 Year 3 - \$278,610

**AGREEMENT FOR CONTRACTOR SERVICES BETWEEN  
THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS AND THE CITY OF  
THOUSAND OAKS**

**THIS AGREEMENT** is made and effective as of July 1, 2015, between the City of Agoura Hills, a municipal corporation ("City") and the City of Thousand Oaks ("Contractor"). In consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions set forth herein, the parties agree as follows:

**1. TERM**

This Agreement shall commence on July 1, 2015, and shall remain and continue in effect until tasks described herein are completed, but in no event later than June 30, 2018, unless sooner terminated pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement.

The City may, at its option, extend this Agreement for one additional term of one year upon providing written notice of its intent to extend this Agreement to the Contractor not less than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the initial Term. Such extension shall be at the same price and conditions as set forth herein.

**2. SERVICES**

Contractor shall perform the services and tasks described and set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein as though set forth in full. Contractor shall complete the tasks according to the schedule of performance which is also set forth in Exhibit A.

**3. PERFORMANCE**

In meeting its obligations under this Agreement, Contractor shall at all times faithfully and competently perform all tasks described herein in a manner satisfactory to CITY and consistent with that level of care and skill ordinarily exercised by members of the profession currently practicing in the same locality under similar conditions.

**4. PREVAILING WAGES**

A. Prevailing wages are required on all CITY agreements involving construction, design, and preconstruction phases of construction (including, but not limited to, inspection and land surveying work), and maintenance (except for janitorial or security guards) for work on CITY property.

B. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 1773 of the Labor Code of the State of California, the City Council has obtained the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and the general rate for holiday and overtime work in this locality for each craft, classification, or type of workman needed to execute by this Contractor from the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations. Copies may be obtained from the California Department of Industrial Relations Internet website at <http://www.dir.ca.gov>. Contractor shall provide a copy of prevailing wage rates to any staff or sub-contractor



hired, and shall pay the adopted prevailing wage rates as a minimum. Contractor shall comply with the provisions of Sections 1773.8, 1775, 1776, 1777.5, 1777.6, and 1813 of the Labor Code. Pursuant to the provisions of 1775 of the Labor Code, Contractor shall forfeit to the City, as a penalty, the sum of \$50.00 for each calendar day, or portion thereof, for each laborer, worker, or mechanic employed, paid less than the stipulated prevailing rates for any work done under this contract, by him or by any sub-contractor under him, in violation of the provisions of the Agreement..

## **5. PAYMENT**

A. The City agrees to pay Contractor monthly, in accordance with the payment rates and terms and the schedule of payment as set forth in Exhibit B, Payment Rates and Schedule, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference as though set forth in full, based upon actual time spent on the above tasks. Any terms in Exhibit B other than the payment rates and schedule of payment are null and void. This amount shall not exceed Eight Hundred Twenty Three Thousand Two Hundred Twelve Dollars and Zero Cents (\$832,212) ("Contract Price") for the initial Term of the Agreement unless additional payment is approved as provided in this Agreement.

B. Contractor shall not be compensated for any services rendered in connection with its performance of this Agreement which are in addition to those set forth herein, unless such additional services are authorized in advance and in writing by the City Manager. Contractor shall be compensated for any additional services in the amounts and in the manner as agreed to by the City Council and Contractor at the time City's written authorization is given to Contractor for the performance of said services.

C. Contractor shall submit invoices monthly for actual services performed. Invoices shall be submitted between the first and fifteenth business day of each month, for services provided in the previous month. Payment shall be made within thirty (30) days of receipt of each invoice as to all non-disputed fees. If the City disputes any of Contractor's fees, it shall give written notice to Contractor within thirty (30) days of receipt of an invoice of any disputed fees set forth on the invoice. For all reimbursements authorized by this Agreement, Contractor shall provide receipts on all reimbursable expenses in excess of Fifty Dollars (\$50) in such form as approved by the Director of Finance.

## **6. SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT WITHOUT CAUSE**

A. The City may at any time, for any reason, with or without cause, suspend or terminate this Agreement, or any portion hereof, by serving upon the Contractor at least ten (10) days prior written notice. Upon receipt of said notice, the Contractor shall immediately cease all work under this Agreement, unless the notice provides otherwise. If the City suspends or terminates a portion of this Agreement, such suspension or termination shall not make void or invalidate the remainder of this Agreement.

B. In the event this Agreement is terminated pursuant to this Section, the City shall pay to Contractor the actual value of the work performed up to the time of termination, provided that the work performed is of value to the City. Upon termination of the Agreement pursuant to this Section, the Contractor will submit an invoice to the City pursuant to Section entitled "PAYMENT" herein.

## **7. DEFAULT OF CONTRACTOR**

A. The Contractor's failure to comply with the provisions of this Agreement shall constitute a default. In the event that Contractor is in default for cause under the terms of this Agreement, City shall have no obligation or duty to continue compensating Contractor for any work performed after the date of default and can terminate this Agreement immediately by written notice to the Contractor. If such failure by the Contractor to make progress in the performance of work hereunder arises out of causes beyond the Contractor's control, and without fault or negligence of the Contractor, it shall not be considered a default.

B. If the City Manager or his delegate determines that the Contractor is in default in the performance of any of the terms or conditions of this Agreement, it shall serve the Contractor with written notice of the default. The Contractor shall have ten (10) days after service upon it of said notice in which to cure the default by rendering a satisfactory performance. In the event that the Contractor fails to cure its default within such period of time, the City shall have the right, notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, to terminate this Agreement without further notice and without prejudice to any other remedy to which it may be entitled at law, in equity or under this Agreement."

## **8. OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS**

A. Contractor shall maintain complete and accurate records with respect to sales, costs, expenses, receipts and other such information required by City that relate to the performance of services under this Agreement. Contractor shall maintain adequate records of services provided in sufficient detail to permit an evaluation of services. All such records shall be maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and shall be clearly identified and readily accessible. Contractor shall provide free access to the representatives of City or its designees at reasonable times to such books and records, shall give City the right to examine and audit said books and records, shall permit City to make transcripts therefrom as necessary, and shall allow inspection of all work, data, documents, proceedings and activities related to this Agreement. Such records, together with supporting documents, shall be maintained for a period of three (3) years after receipt of final payment.

B. Upon completion of, or in the event of termination or suspension of this Agreement, all original documents, designs, drawings, maps, models, computer files containing data generated for the work, surveys, notes, and other documents prepared in the course of providing the services to be performed pursuant to this Agreement shall become the sole property of the City and may be used, reused or

otherwise disposed of by the City without the permission of the Contractor. With respect to computer files containing data generated for the work, Contractor shall make available to the City, upon reasonable written request by the City, the necessary computer software and hardware for purposes of accessing, compiling, transferring and printing computer files.

## **9. INDEMNIFICATION**

Contractor shall defend, indemnify, and hold the City, its officials, officers, employees, agents and independent contractors serving in the role of City officials, and volunteers (collectively "Indemnitees") free and harmless from any and all claims, demands, causes of action, proceedings, costs, expenses, liabilities, losses, damages or injuries, in law or equity, to property or persons, including wrongful death (collectively "Claims"), in any manner arising out of or incident to any acts or omissions of Contractor, its officials, officers, employees, agents or sub-contractors in connection with the performance of this Agreement, including without limitation the payment of all consequential damages, attorneys' fees, and other related costs and expenses, except for such Claims arising out of the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the Indemnitees. With respect to any and all such Claims, Contractor shall defend Indemnitees at Contractor's own cost, expense, and risk and shall pay and satisfy any judgment, award, or decree that may be rendered against Indemnitees. Contractor shall reimburse Indemnitees for any and all legal expenses and costs incurred by each of them in connection therewith or in enforcing the indemnity herein provided. Contractor's obligation to indemnify shall not be restricted to insurance proceeds, if any, received by Contractor or Indemnitees. All duties of Contractor under this Section shall survive termination of this Agreement.

## **10. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Prior to commencement of work, Contractor shall procure, provide, and maintain, at Contractor's own expense, for the duration of this Agreement, insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property, which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by the Contractor, its agents, representatives, or employees.

A. Minimum Scope of Insurance. Coverage shall be at least as broad as:

1) Insurance Services Office Commercial General Liability form No. CG 00 01 11 85 or 88, or equivalent.

2) Insurance Services Office Business Auto Coverage form CA 00 01 06 92, or equivalent, covering Automobile Liability, code 1 (any auto). If the Contractor owns no automobiles, a non-owned auto endorsement to the General Liability policy described above is acceptable.

3) Worker's Compensation insurance as required by the State of California and Employer's Liability Insurance. If the Contractor has no employees



while performing under this Agreement, worker's compensation insurance is not required, but Contractor shall execute a declaration that it has no employees.

B. Minimum Limits of Insurance. Contractor shall maintain limits no less than:

1) **General Liability:** \$1,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage, including without limitation, blanket contractual liability. If Commercial General Liability Insurance or other form with a general aggregate limit is used, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this project/location or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit.

2) **Automobile Liability:** \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury and property damage for all activities of the Contractor arising out of or in connection with work to be performed under this Agreement, including coverage for any owned, hired, non-owned or rental vehicles.

3) **Worker's Compensation** as required by the State of California; **Employer's Liability:** One million dollars (\$1,000,000) per accident for bodily injury or disease.

C. Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions. Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the City Manager. At the option of the City Manager, either the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions as respects the City, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers; or the Contractor shall procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claim administration and defense expenses.

D. Other Insurance Provisions. The general liability and automobile liability policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

1) The City, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers are to be covered and named as additional insureds in respect to: liability arising out of activities performed by or on behalf of the Contractor; products and completed operations of the Contractor; premises owned, occupied or used by the Contractor; or automobiles owned, leased, hired or borrowed by the Contractor. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to the City, its officers, officials, employees or volunteers.

2) For any claims related to this project, the Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the City, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insured maintained by the City, its officers, officials, employees or volunteers shall be excess of the Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it.

3) Any failure to comply with reporting or other provisions of the policies including breaches of warranties shall not affect coverage provided to the City, its officers, officials, employees or volunteers.

4) The Contractor's insurance shall apply separately to each insured against whom claim is made or suit is brought, except with respect to the limits of the insurer's liability.

5) Each insurance policy required by this clause shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be suspended, voided, canceled by either party, reduced in coverage or in limits except after thirty (30) days' prior written notice has been given to the City. Contractor agrees to oblige its insurance agent or broker and insurers to provide City with a thirty (30) day notice of cancellation (except for nonpayment for which a ten (10) day notice is required) or nonrenewal of coverage for each required coverage.

E. Acceptability of Insurers. Insurance is to be placed with insurers with a current A.M. Best's rating of no less than A:VII, unless otherwise acceptable to the City. Self insurance shall not be considered to comply with these insurance requirements.

F. Verification of Coverage. **Contractor shall furnish the City with original endorsements, specifically naming the City of Agoura Hills, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers as additional insured, effecting coverage required by this clause..** The endorsements are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. The endorsements are to be on forms acceptable to the City. Insurance certificates and endorsements must be received and approved by City's Risk Manager prior to commencement of performance. Current insurance certificates and endorsements shall be kept on file with the City at all times during the term of this agreement. City reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, at any time.

G. Mailing Instructions. Insurance documents shall be mailed with the signed Agreement to the attention of the staff person indicated on the cover sheet of this Agreement, to the City of Agoura Hills, 30001 Ladyface Court, Agoura Hills, CA 91301. Executed Agreement(s) cannot be released nor may any work commence on a project until the signed Agreement and appropriate insurance documents are on file with the City Clerk.

## **11. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

A. Contractor is and shall at all times remain as to the City a wholly independent contractor. The personnel performing the services under this Agreement on behalf of Contractor shall at all times be under Contractor's exclusive direction and control. Neither City nor any of its officers, employees, agents, or volunteers shall have control over the conduct of Contractor or any of Contractor's officers, employees, or agents except as set forth in this Agreement. Contractor shall not at any time or in any manner represent that it or any of its officers, employees or agents are in any manner officers, employees or agents of the City. Contractor shall not incur or have the power to incur any debt, obligation or liability whatever against City, or bind City in any manner.

B. No employee benefits shall be available to Contractor in connection with the performance of this Agreement. Except for the fees paid to Contractor as provided in the Agreement, City shall not pay salaries, wages, or other compensation to Contractor for performing services hereunder for City. City shall not be liable for compensation or indemnification to Contractor for injury or sickness arising out of performing services hereunder.

## **12. LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Contractor shall keep itself informed of all local, State and Federal ordinances, laws and regulations which in any manner affect those employed by it or in any way affect the performance of its service pursuant to this Agreement. The Contractor shall at all times observe and comply with all such ordinances, laws and regulations. The City, and its officers and employees, shall not be liable at law or in equity occasioned by failure of the Contractor to comply with this section.

## **13. RELEASE OF INFORMATION**

A. All information gained by Contractor in performance of this Agreement shall be considered confidential and shall not be released by Contractor without City's prior written authorization. Contractor, its officers, employees, agents or sub-contractors, shall not without written authorization from the City Manager or unless requested by the City Attorney, voluntarily provide declarations, letters of support, testimony at depositions, response to interrogatories or other information concerning the work performed under this Agreement or relating to any project or property located within the City. Response to a subpoena or court order shall not be considered "voluntary" provided Contractor gives City notice of such court order or subpoena.

B. Contractor shall promptly notify City should Contractor, its officers, employees, agents or sub-contractors be served with any summons, complaint, subpoena, notice of deposition, request for documents, interrogatories, request for admissions or other discovery request, court order or subpoena from any party regarding this Agreement and the work performed there under or with respect to any project or property located within the City. City retains the right, but has no obligation, to represent Contractor and/or be present at any deposition, hearing or similar proceeding. Contractor agrees to cooperate fully with City and to provide City with the opportunity to review any response to discovery requests provided by Contractor. However, City's right to review any such response does not imply or mean the right by City to control, direct, or rewrite said response.

## **14. NOTICES**

Any notices which either party may desire to give to the other party under this Agreement must be in writing and may be given either by: (i) personal service, (ii) delivery by a reputable document delivery service, such as but not limited to, Federal Express, that provides a receipt showing date and time of delivery, or (iii) mailing in the United States Mail, certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, addressed to the address of the party as set forth below or at any other address as that party may

later designate by Notice. Notice shall be effective upon delivery to the addresses specified below or on the third business day following deposit with the document delivery service or United States Mail as provided above.

To City: City of Agoura Hills  
30001 Ladyface Court  
Agoura Hills, California 91301  
Attention: City Manager

To Contractor: City of Thousand Oaks  
Municipal Service Center  
1993 Rancho Conejo Rd  
Thousand Oaks, Blvd CA 91302  
Attention: Mike Houser

**15. ASSIGNMENT**

The Contractor shall not assign the performance of this Agreement, nor any part thereof, nor any monies due hereunder, without prior written consent of the City. Upon termination of this Agreement, Contractor's sole compensation shall be payment for actual services performed up to, and including, the date of termination or as may be otherwise agreed to in writing between the City Council and the Contractor.

**16. LICENSES**

At all times during the term of this Agreement, Contractor shall have in full force and effect, all licenses required of it by law for the performance of the services described in this Agreement.

**17. GOVERNING LAW**

The City and Contractor understand and agree that the laws of the State of California shall govern the rights, obligations, duties and liabilities of the parties to this Agreement and also govern the interpretation of this Agreement. Any litigation concerning this Agreement shall take place in the municipal, superior, or federal district court with geographic jurisdiction over the City of Agoura Hills. In the event such litigation is filed by one party against the other to enforce its rights under this Agreement, the prevailing party, as determined by the Court's judgment, shall be entitled to reasonable attorney fees and litigation expenses for the relief granted.

**18. PROHIBITED INTEREST**

No officer, or employee of the City of Agoura Hills shall have any financial interest, direct or indirect, in this Agreement, the proceeds thereof, the Contractor, or Contractor's sub-contractors for this project, during his/her tenure or for one year thereafter. The Contractor hereby warrants and represents to the City that no officer or employee of the City of Agoura Hills has any interest, whether contractual, non-contractual, financial or otherwise, in this transaction, or in the business of the Contractor or Contractor's sub-contractors on this project. Contractor further agrees to



notify the City in the event any such interest is discovered whether or not such interest is prohibited by law or this Agreement.

**19. ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement contains the entire understanding between the parties relating to the obligations of the parties described in this Agreement. All prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, representations and statements, oral or written, are merged into this Agreement and shall be of no further force or effect. Each party is entering into this Agreement based solely upon the representations set forth herein and upon each party's own independent investigation of any and all facts such party deems material.

**20. AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE THIS AGREEMENT**

The person or persons executing this Agreement on behalf of Contractor warrants and represents that he or she has the authority to execute this Agreement on behalf of the Contractor and has the authority to bind Contractor to the performance of its obligations hereunder.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed the day and year first above written.

**CITY OF AGOURA HILLS**

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Illece Buckley Weber,  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kimberly M. Rodrigues, MMC  
City Clerk

*Date Approved by City Council:* \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Candice K. Lee,  
City Attorney

**CONTRACTOR**

City of Thousand Oaks  
1993 Rancho Conejo Rd.  
Thousand Oaks Blvd, CA 91302  
Mike Houser  
(805) 376-5063  
f (805) 498-4941

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

**[Signatures of Two Corporate Officers Required]**

**CITY OF THOUSAND OAKS**

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Al Adam, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Linda D. Lawrence, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO ADMINISTRATION:**

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Scott Mitnick, City Manager

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**  
**Office of the City Attorney**

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Felicia Liberman, Assistant City Attorney

## **EXHIBIT A**

### **TASKS TO BE PERFORMED**

*The specific elements (scope of work) of this service include:*

#### **PROVISION OF DEMAND RESPONSE PARATRANSIT SERVICES (DIAL-A-RIDE)**

##### **SECTION 1 –GENERAL SCOPE AND OVERVIEW**

###### **A) Dial-A-Ride (DAR)**

The Agoura Hills DAR serves the general public with curb-to-curb service in the City of Agoura Hills and in adjacent portions of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. Service is provided Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, the DAR deploys up to three vehicles, while on Saturdays only one is used. Days and hours of service and number of vehicles deployed may be changed at any time by the CITY.

No services are provided on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4 \ Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

DAR services shall be provided with CITY owned-vehicles whenever possible. CONTRACTOR will provide leased accessible vehicle to be used as primary fleet vehicle, at no additional cost. CITY vehicle will be available as a spare and used when necessary. CONTRACTOR will designate CITY's oldest and highest mileage van for this spare vehicle.

###### **B) Bus Services**

The City owns a 22-foot cutaway bus, which could be used for its senior, teen and other activities. "CONTRACTOR" may bill CITY a minimum of three (3) hours for each use of the bus.

###### **C) Out of Contract Service**

Contractor will provide Out of Contract service when requested. Out of Contract services will include any and all requests for services by the City that are not specifically related to Dial-A-Ride or use of the City Bus. These services will be served by Contractor using CITY owned DAR vehicles and will include but not be limited to Parks and Recreation functions, and other trips in and out of the City limits for official City business.



## **D) Special Out of Town Services**

The CITY provides curb-to-curb service, as specified or requested by the CITY, between the City to Agoura Hills and the City of Thousand Oaks, the City of Westlake Village, and Kaiser Permanente in Woodland Hills at scheduled times. Thousand Oaks/Westlake Village and other destinations include specific medical and shopping facilities (See Appendix E for locations). Riders pay a premium fare for this service. The CITY reserves the right to change the nature of this program at any time and encourages the CONTRACTOR to suggest ways to improve the efficiency of this service.

CONTRACTOR shall make every effort to make this program as productive as possible, but, because this service differs from the general Dial-A-Ride service and may involve longer stretches of deadhead travel, this program is not subject to the productivity requirement.

The CONTRACTOR will develop procedures for transporting passengers efficiently between Agoura Hills and Thousand Oaks and Westlake Village.

## **SECTION 2-PROJECT SCOPE**

The DAR service consists of the provision of curb-to-curb dial-a-ride services. Services will be provided with city owned vehicles, with a CONTRACTOR provided accessible backup vehicle.

CONTRACTOR must be proficient with the provision of paratransit services (DAR). In addition, the CONTRACTOR should have knowledge of Federal, State and Local rules and regulations and the ability to perform the required reporting and accounting function to assure the city's compliance with these rules and regulations including but not limited to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, National Transit Database regulations and Metro reporting requirements.

CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for management and operation of the DAR and the bus and any optional services purchased by the CITY. CONTRACTOR shall manage service in accordance with the guidelines and parameters established herein and the attachments hereto. CONTRACTOR shall continually monitor program services, and as warranted, make recommendations to the CITY on performance improvement.

CONTRACTOR shall provide all facilities, equipment and services, including equipment and services proposed in the RFQ submittal package (i.e., DriveCam, Mobile Data Terminals ( MDTs), etc), required for the operation and management of said services unless specifically identified to be contributed by CITY in this Agreement.

CONTRACTOR shall coordinate, manage, and control all necessary program activities which shall include: maintain all vehicles, provide vehicle operators and all project personnel, train personnel as necessary, develop administrative procedures, compile

financial and non-financial records, and develop methods to improve effectiveness and maximize service efficiency.

CONTRACTOR shall assist and cooperate with the CITY in meeting the objectives of providing quality paratransit (Dial-A-Ride) services, including matters related to management, supervision, operations, maintenance, reporting, and service performance measures.

CONTRACTOR will obtain and provide all required State and Local permits and will ensure that all vehicle operators are properly licensed for service they are providing. CONTRACTOR must also have all applicable State and local business licenses or procure same prior to the start of service. The CITY will provide for vehicle licenses and registration for the vehicles it owns.

### **A) Legal and Regulatory Requirements**

In performance of the services described herein, CONTRACTOR shall be responsible to comply with all applicable Federal, State and Local requirements, including but not limited to:

#### **Drug and Alcohol Testing:**

The CONTRACTOR will be required to comply with appropriate drug and alcohol testing regulations. The CONTRACTOR will provide the CITY with any necessary information and documentation to enable CITY to comply with reporting requirements.

#### **Americans with Disabilities Acts:**

All service provided by the CONTRACTOR on behalf of CITY shall comply with the applicable requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The CONTRACTOR will submit for CITY'S review and approval an ADA program and documents used for dispatcher and operator training.

#### **National Transit Database (NTD) FTA Reporting Requirements:**

The CITY is required by LACMTA Sub-regional Incentive Fund guidelines to submit accurate National Transit Database data for its DAR. The CITY is subject to severe financial penalties for failure to report accurate, auditable data. The CONTRACTOR is responsible for becoming familiar with said reporting requirements for the DAR program and to supply accurate financial and operating data, which complies with above, described requirements. **NOTE: CONTRACTOR shall be liable for the cost of any penalties imposed on the CITY due to the CONTRACTOR'S failure to comply with above mentioned reporting requirements.**

### **B) Vehicles/Equipment**

CITY shall be listed as the "Legal Owner" owner for the DAR vehicles, however CONTRACTOR will be listed as the registered owner of DAR vehicles for registration

purposes, and shall carry its own appropriate general liability, automobile liability and worker compensation insurance as identified in "Section 10. Insurance Requirements" of the agreement.

The CONTRACTOR shall provide the equipment as specified in this agreement (one leased primary vehicle), unless otherwise approved. The contractor shall be responsible for maintenance of all vehicles and spares used in revenue service and other relevant equipment (e.g., wheelchair lifts, air-conditioning systems, etc.) to provide safe and proper operating conditions, free from damage and malfunction. A maintenance plan overview description should be included with other items submitted by the CONTRACTOR.

All CITY vehicles and vehicle equipment shall be maintained by the CONTRACTOR in good repair and in a condition satisfactory to the CITY. The CONTRACTOR shall assume all responsibility for the proper maintenance of the vehicles. The CONTRACTOR must comply with all applicable federal and other statutes and regulations governing their use.

It shall be the expressed responsibility of the CONTRACTOR to assume all coordination with the original manufacturer of the vehicles if necessary to keep the vehicles in a safe and good operating condition. This shall include negotiating and processing all vehicle warranty claims through the manufacturer's own warranty department, and is responsible for collection of any monies, extended warranties, or credits as a result, for the length of time the warranty is in effect.

CITY vehicles must be available for inspection by CITY staff or third party contractor. CONTRACTOR leased primary vehicle need not be new but must not be more than 10 years old. CONTRACTOR will replace the leased vehicle as needed to ensure its age never exceeds 10 years. At all times the leased vehicle will be in excellent mechanical condition and meet the CITY appearance standards.

All paratransit vehicles utilized in the fleet are required to have the Agoura Hills logo/decals on them, with prior CITY approval. The CITY will provide the paint color-scheme and logo design. CONTRACTOR will be responsible for the expense of placing decals on vehicles, in addition to maintaining decal condition and replacement if necessary.

All vehicles used in the operation of this service shall be equipped with a two-way communications system between the dispatcher and vehicle and shall have adequate air conditioning. All vehicles shall have been passed the annual inspection and certified by the California Highway Patrol (CHP) if required by law or regulation.

The CONTRACTOR shall not place any advertising on the vehicles unless written authorization is first obtained from the CITY. The terms and conditions of any approved advertising shall be subject to CITY approval, with all CITY decisions being final.



The CONTRACTOR shall at all times have a back-up handicap accessible vehicle available to use in the event that one of the CITY primary vehicles is unable to operate. Whenever a primary vehicle is disabled or unavailable due to maintenance or repair needs, the contractor shall dispatch a back up into service within 30 minutes of the time when the disability first occurs.

### **C) Vehicle Maintenance**

CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the maintenance of all vehicles, communication systems, and other equipment required in connection with its operation of the DAR services and use of the CITY bus. Said equipment shall be maintained in a safe and operable condition at all times and in accord with manufacturer's recommended maintenance procedures as well as with applicable federal and state regulations.

CONTRACTOR shall establish and maintain a systematic program of preventive vehicle maintenance. Each vehicle must receive a daily pre-trip inspection by the operator prior to being placed in service. Daily pre-trip inspections must be supplemented by regular time and mileage maintenance inspections to ensure safe and proper operating condition of vehicles. A record of all such inspections, repairs and work orders shall be kept by CONTRACTOR and made available to the CITY. Proposers should describe their maintenance program in their proposal.

Whenever possible, CONTRACTOR will have light routine maintenance performed on Saturdays or Sundays in an effort to return vehicles into operation as soon as possible. Maintenance will be performed at MV Transportation's Maintenance Facility, Van Nuys CA.

The CITY reserves the right to audit the CONTRACTOR'S conformance with said maintenance program documentation as well as vehicle condition and overall performance of the maintenance system.

Throughout the term of the contract, the CONTRACTOR shall, at all times and at its sole expense, cause all components of each vehicle to be maintained in safe and proper working condition, free from damage or malfunction. At its expense, the CONTRACTOR shall cause any vehicle damaged by collision or otherwise to be repaired as expeditiously as possible.

Any vehicle which sustains damage or experiences failure impairing safe mechanical operation shall be removed from service immediately, and shall not be reassigned until restored to safe operating condition.

The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for arranging annual terminal inspections by the California Highway Patrol (CHP), and shall also maintain a satisfactory CHP rating throughout the life of this contract. Copies of all CHP inspection documents shall be transmitted to the City within five working days of such inspection.



CONTRACTOR, at its sole cost and expense, shall provide all labor, lubricants, solvents repairs, parts, supplies, maintenance tools and equipment, facilities and services required to fulfill these maintenance responsibilities outlined above, and those detailed below:

Upon termination or expiration of contract, CONTRACTOR shall return all City owned vehicles/equipment, with no deferred maintenance or damage, less reasonable wear and tear. CITY reserves the right to have said vehicles inspected at the termination of the contract by a third party inspector. CONTRACTOR shall, at its sole expense, repair or replace any City-owned vehicles/equipment, which may be damaged, or lost by reason of collision, negligence, abuse, vandalism or other like cause. CONTRACTOR shall bear the cost of any identified repairs, which have not been completed prior to the end of contract period and shall be deducted from CONTRACTOR'S final payment. However, in no event shall CONTRACTOR'S liability exceed actual cash value of vehicle(s) and equipment so damaged.

CONTRACTOR shall maintain vehicles in a clean and neat condition at all times. The interior of all vehicles shall be kept free of litter and debris to the maximum practicable extent throughout the operating day.

Every six months, beginning November 1, 2015, CONTRACTOR will evaluate the fleet and report to the CITY on the status of the vehicles (including age, mileage and condition).

At the end of the term of this contract or extension, CITY will thoroughly inspect and test each City owned vehicle. If any problem is detected that requires maintenance, exclusive of normal wear and tear, repair or cleaning, CONTRACTOR is responsible to correct it immediately. If the problem as identified by CITY has not been rectified by the official end of the term of the Contract, then CITY may withhold any payment due and, if necessary, deduct amounts to cover the cost of providing vehicles or making necessary repairs.

#### **D) Personnel**

The CONTRACTOR shall be solely responsible for the satisfactory work performance of all employees and for meeting any reasonable performance standards described in the contract or established by the CITY.

The CONTRACTOR and its employees, subcontractors, and agents engaged in the performance of this project are not employees of the CITY.

The CONTRACTOR shall be solely responsible for payment of all its employees' and/or subcontractor's wages and benefits, in accordance with the payment schedules established for this project. CONTRACTOR'S personnel wages and work hours shall be in accord with the local, County, and State regulations affecting such personnel.

Without any expense to the CITY, the CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of employee liability, worker's compensation, employment insurance, and Social Security.

The CONTRACTOR shall hold harmless the CITY from any liability, damages, claims, costs, and expenses of any nature arising from alleged violations of personnel practices.

CONTRACTOR shall remove from DAR and bus services any personnel provided by the CONTRACTOR for the performance of the work described herein upon request of the City. Said request shall indicate the cause for such removal.

CONTRACTOR shall be responsible to recruit a sufficient number of bilingual (Spanish and English) employees to ensure that at least one bilingual employee shall be available to receive trip reservations during all hours of service operation.

CONTRACTOR shall be responsible to recruit a sufficient number of employees to compensate for employee turnover. In addition, upon receiving notice of terminating employee, CONTRACTOR shall run concurrent ads in local publications, as appropriate. In emergency situations, CONTRACTOR will seek assistance from other CONTRACTOR locations and/or the District Manager and/or Area General Manager for additional resources.

CONTRACTOR shall prepare and furnish to the City and to all vehicle operators, dispatchers, telephone operators, and supervisors a VEHICLE OPERATOR'S MANUAL. Contents of the VEHICLE OPERATOR'S MANUAL shall include the following subject areas; vehicle operator's rules; accident/incident policy and reporting procedures; radio policies and procedures; vehicle inspection, care and maintenance policy and procedures, reporting procedures, and pertinent sample forms.

Dispatchers, telephone operators, supervisors and any other personnel who may from time-to-time be assigned to information or Dial-A-Ride reservation telephone lines shall be trained in customer relations skills, telephone manners, accident/incident procedures, transfer points, fares, Dial-A-Ride trip scheduling and vehicle dispatching duties and shall have a detailed knowledge of applicable procedures and professional techniques.

CONTRACTOR shall maintain an up-to-date personnel roster, which shall be submitted to the City on a quarterly basis.

### **E) Project Manager**

The Project Manager shall be assigned to Agoura Hills and devote duties to the proper management of the Agoura Hills DAR program. The Project Manager can be shared with other services provided by CONTRACTOR. The CITY reserves the right to request a full-time manager during the duration of the agreement should the need arise. Should CITY request a full time Project Manager, CITY and CONTRACTOR shall negotiate a

revised hourly rate charged to the CITY. The Project Manager will provide both on-line supervision and the management of the project's accounts and operating records and will report directly to and coordinate closely with the CITY.

The Project Manager shall be available by telephone or in person during all hours of the operational day to make decisions or provide coordination as necessary at the request of the CITY. At other times, or in the event of the Project Manager's absence, another responsible person shall be identified so that there is someone with the authority to make decisions at any time during the operational hours.

CONTRACTOR shall not replace the Project Manager without written consent of the CITY, unless the Project Manager will no longer be employed by CONTRACTOR. If Project Manager is to be replaced, CONTRACTOR shall submit the resume and qualifications of an acceptable replacement no later than fifteen (15) working days prior to the departure of the incumbent Project Manager.

#### **F) Dispatcher/Customer Service Representatives**

Dispatch personnel shall be adequately trained to handle dispatching of the necessary vehicles and to handle telephone calls.

#### **G) Vehicle Operators**

Vehicle operators shall work on a schedule that will ensure a consistent and overall high quality of service. All vehicle operators must meet the minimum standards listed below:

- 1) Not having been convicted of driving while intoxicated or under the influence of controlled substances within the preceding five years, or not have criminal charges pending for an offense for driving while intoxicated or under the influence of controlled substances.
- 2) Not be addicted to the use of alcohol or controlled substances
- 3) Not to be subject to outstanding warrants or arrest
- 4) Able to read, write, and speak English. Bilingual skills in Spanish or other languages are highly desirable.
- 5) Thorough knowledge of the service area and street network of the City of Agoura Hills
- 6) Sensitive to passenger needs, including assisting passengers in boarding and alighting, upon request.
- 7) Able to handle complaints and problems as required.

Vehicle operators must be trained in all operational procedures relating to the services provided, including A.D.A. requirements, defensive driving and vehicle handling and training in the special skills required to provide transportation to the elderly and individuals with a disability. As requested vehicle operators shall provide passengers in wheelchairs with assistance up and down vehicle access ramp and with securing their wheelchairs. Drivers shall assist in loading and unloading of elderly or ambulatory disabled customers, load, unload and secure all wheelchairs.



Contractor shall provide a sufficient number of drivers and one leased accessible vehicle plus adequate services and related facilities or services to provide such transportation services.

Vehicle operators shall be in uniform acceptable to the CITY, including nametags clearly displaying their name while performing their duties. Uniforms shall consist of a white "Polo" style shirt (containing Agoura Hills Dial-A-Ride Logo), and khaki pants. No shorts are allowed unless otherwise approved by the City.

Drivers will, when requested by CITY, distribute notices to passengers or otherwise render assistance in CITY's monitoring and supervising operations.

All complaints received by the CONTRACTOR or CITY shall be documented on the City of Agoura Hills Customer Service Form and delivered to the CITY within 24 hours of receipt. CONTRACTOR shall fully investigate all requests and complaints and return, on or before the scheduled due date, the results of the investigation.

#### **H) Vehicle Dispatching and Telephone Reservation**

Sufficient incoming telephone lines and dispatchers, with telephone numbers local to all points within the City limits of Agoura Hills, shall be provided to insure that calls are answered and responded to in a timely manner. The CITY will provide a telephone number that must be returned to the CITY at the termination of the contract. (See Section K below) Customers may request immediate pick up or schedule a pick-up later that service day. Customers shall be advised of the time of the pick-up window. CONTRACTOR shall do all possible to avoid any undue delays.

CONTRACTOR shall be able to take reservations and answer questions in both English and Spanish. CONTRACTOR shall utilize the TIMEPOINT software suite and other complimentary software as identified in the submitted proposal package to schedule and transport passengers using Dial-A-Ride vehicles that maximize productivity while maintaining a high level of service to passengers.

The system operates as shared ride service to maximize efficiency. Both the dispatcher and the driver shall coordinate the provisions of the service such that it will optimize the number of customers carried and minimize circuitous routing while maintaining on-time performance. This service shall provide the most direct route possible between destinations within the service area.

Dispatch shall be responsible for maintaining radio control of all vehicles in service and for maintaining the daily dispatch log. Each vehicle shall have a two-way radio or other communication device. The dispatch center must be capable of communicating in both English and Spanish.

CONTRACTOR shall provide a dedicated phone number to facilitate communication between CONTRACTOR Project Manager and the CITY. CONTRACTOR shall also provide the CITY with a telephone number to use in off hours in case of emergency.



### **I) Computer and Facsimile Capabilities**

CONTRACTOR must have PC computer equipment with Excel, Microsoft Word software and e mail accessibility to communicate with City staff. At the request of the CITY, reports must be presented to the CITY electronically. Paper reports may be submitted in the rare event electronic methods are not available.

CONTRACTOR must also have a facsimile machine, at the dispatch center for communication with the CITY when needed.

### **J) Fare Collection Policy**

The cash fare for the City of Agoura Hills shall be determined solely by the CITY. CONTRACTOR shall record all boardings by fare category and shall report ridership figures monthly to CITY in accordance with the established reporting schedule.

CITY reserves the right to change the fare, and/or conduct fare reconciliation audits.

The CONTRACTOR'S vehicle operators will collect fares for each one-way trip, record and deposit all fare revenues. The total amount of the fares collected is to be retained by the CONTRACTOR and deducted from CONTRACTOR'S monthly service invoice.

### **K) Phone Number/Contact Numbers**

CITY holds and at all times shall retain the sole and exclusive rights to the public telephone number for Dial-A-Ride Services (currently 818/707-2005), as well as any successor or public telephone number, internet domain name and/or address that may be established in the future for Dial-A-Ride Services (collectively "the Contact Numbers"). CITY hereby grants to CONTRACTOR a non-exclusive license to use the Contact Numbers to assist CONTRACTOR in providing the services set-forth in this Agreement, which license shall automatically revoked with no further action required by CITY as of the termination date or expiration date of this Agreement. Following the termination or expiration of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall, within three (3) working days, discontinue any use of the Contact Numbers.

### **L) Vehicle Deployment**

CONTRACTOR shall schedule vehicle operator shifts and vehicles, including utilizing split shifts to ensure that maximum vehicles are available during peak periods and vehicle deployment is reduced during periods of low demand.

In the event of a vehicle failure while in service, CONTRACTOR shall deploy a vehicle within 30 minutes to replace the failed vehicle.

The time that any DAR vehicle is out of service shall not be charged to CITY on the monthly invoice.

### **M) Safety Program**

CONTRACTOR shall assume full responsibility for assuring that the safety of passengers, operations personnel, and the CITY vehicles and equipment are maintained at the highest possible level. CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable California Highway Patrol ADA and OSHA requirements.

### **N) Accident, Emergency and Incident Procedures**

The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the enforcement of policies with regard to operational emergencies. The CITY may revise or establish additional policies. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the handling and resolution of all operational emergencies and contingencies including, but not, limited to, the following:

#### **Hazardous Conditions**

Vehicle operators shall report all hazardous road conditions (i.e., downed trees, missing bus signs, graffiti on bus benches, malfunctioning signals, etc.) in the CITY to the CONTRACTOR'S Project Manager. CONTRACTOR, in turn, shall immediately notify the CITY via the CITY'S SeeClickFix App (<http://en.seeclickfix.com/>) of such conditions and shall take necessary precautions to safeguard passengers and personnel.

#### **Medical Assistance to Passengers**

The CONTRACTOR'S employees shall use good judgment in responding to passenger accidents, injuries, or illnesses occurring on the vehicles. In the event of a passenger requiring medical assistance, the vehicle operator shall immediately advise the CONTRACTOR'S dispatcher by radio of the situation and location of the vehicle and the dispatcher or Project Manager shall notify the CITY's Fire Department/Paramedics for assistance. An incident report shall be completed documenting the incident with a copy to the CITY no later than the start of the next service day.

#### **Accidents**

The CITY requires CONTRACTOR to have an accident and emergency notification program that keeps the CITY notified of accidents or emergencies and the progress of claims to assure CITY claims are promptly and fairly handled. The CONTRACTOR shall require all vehicle operators to report any accident or incident involving the vehicle to the CONTRACTORS Project Manager. The Project Manager shall use good judgment in handling the situation, and shall immediately notify police or fire department if necessary. All accidents must be reported to the CITY by telephone with 3 hours, and in writing within 24 hours. If accident occurs at night or during CITY non-operating hours, CONTRACTOR

shall immediately contact the CITY at the start of next business day. Notification of accidents may be done via email, followed by written reports.

CONTRACTOR will complete an accident report approved by CITY with a copy to the CITY no later than the start of the next service day. The CONTRACTOR shall submit all accident-related reports to the DMV as required. CONTRACTOR must assume all liability for accidents and workers' compensation claims, etc.

### **Emergency/Natural Disaster Assistance**

In the event of an emergency or natural disaster, CONTRACTOR shall make available, to the maximum extent possible, transportation and communications services and facilities to assist the CITY in ameliorating such incidents. To the extent the CITY requires CONTRACTOR to provide such emergency services and facilities, CONTRACTOR shall be relieved of the obligation to fulfill the duties and responsibilities to operate services herein above contained. Further, CONTRACTOR shall be entitled to be paid reasonable compensation for providing such emergency services and facilities, provided however, the amount of such compensation and time of its payment shall be mutually agreed upon by CONTRACTOR and the City following the conclusion of the emergency or disaster, or at such other time as they may mutually agree.

CONTRACTOR shall provide CITY with access to its vehicles for use during an emergency or natural disaster scenario if CONTRACTOR is unavailable to provide transportation related services. This shall include access to vehicle storage area. CITY will contact CONTRACTOR prior to accessing vehicles and storage area by way of telephone, email, or other forms of communications available.

### **O) Operations and Maintenance Facility**

The CONTRACTOR shall operate service from a facility within or close to the City limits, no more than ten (10) miles from the Agoura Hills City Hall, to minimize deadhead miles. CONTRACTOR has designated the Municipal Service Center, 1993 Ranch Conejo Road, Thousand Oaks, CA for Operations. All vehicles shall be stored inside the facility. Facility shall be sufficient to enable the CONTRACTOR to effectively manage and operate the bus and DAR services. CITY must approve a relocation of the facility prior to relocation. CONTRACTOR has designated maintenance of vehicles at MV Maintenance Facility, 16738 Stagg Street, Van Nuys CA.

### **P) Indemnification**

The CONTRACTOR agrees to indemnify, hold harmless, release and defend the CITY, City Council and each member thereof, its officers, employees and representatives from any and all liability, loss, judgments, suits, claims, damages, costs and expenses (including attorney's fees and litigation costs) which directly or indirectly result from or



arise out of: (a) any activity, use or performance of this program; (b) any acts, errors or omissions of the CONTRACTOR, its employees, subcontractors, agents, etc. in conjunction with this project; or (c) any relationship between the parties.

The release and indemnity will cover, but is not limited to personal injury or death, property or other damage sustained by persons or corporations from any act whatsoever. The CITY makes no warranties with regard to the CONTRACTOR regarding loss or damage of any kind during the performance of the project.

Under current agreements with County of Los Angeles for provision of paratransit services, the CITY must include in its contract with any CONTRACTOR(s) providing paratransit services, a provision whereby the CONTRACTOR agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless THE COUNTY, BOARD, its officers, agents, employees, and special districts, as third-party beneficiaries. CONTRACTOR shall submit applicable documents to CITY to fulfill this provision.

#### **Q) Insurance**

All insurance carriers must meet City requirements, shall be admitted to do business in California and shall maintain a current A.M. Best's rating of A:VII or better. See Agreement Section 10 for details of Insurance requirements.

#### **R) Records and Reporting**

CONTRACTOR shall maintain all books, records, documents, accounting ledgers, and similar materials relating to work performed for the City of Agoura Hills pursuant to this Agreement on computer and in hardcopy file for at least three (3) years following the date of final payment to CONTRACTOR by CITY. Any authorized or designated CITY representative must have access to such records for the purpose of inspection, audit and copying at reasonable times during CONTRACTOR'S usual and customary business hours. All project records prepared by the CONTRACTOR shall be owned by the City of Agoura Hills and shall be made available to the CITY at no additional charge. The CONTRACTOR shall certify as accurate all information given to CITY. All costs incurred in connection with this project and any relevant financial records and documents shall be recorded in accounts separate from those used for other business activities and in conformance with the guidelines of the LACMTA.

Summary reports shall be provided monthly to the City's Department of Community Services and the City Manager's Office. These monthly reports shall be received no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> calendar day of the following month. The format to be used for these monthly summaries shall be provided electronically to the CONTRACTOR by the CITY. CONTRACTOR is encouraged to make recommendation to improve reporting, but may not modify reports unless approval is given by the CITY.

##### **Daily Records**

Vehicle trip sheets shall be maintained by vehicle operators and dispatchers. These reports are to be retained by the CONTRACTOR to be used in compiling the monthly reports. From time to time, the CITY may request copies.



## **Dispatch Logs**

Logs shall be compiled daily and cover each vehicle operator, vehicle number and vehicle shift. The log shall include odometer readings, total hours, revenue hours or billing hours, total miles, revenue miles, first pick-up and last drop off for each shift and should list times of lunches, breaks, fueling, road calls and any other service interruptions.

## **Other Reports**

The CONTRACTOR will prepare the applicable portions of reports required by LACMTA and other agencies, including FTA National Transit Database and Sub-Regional Incentive Program. From time to time special reports are required by the County of Los Angeles, a partner in this service.

## **Accounting**

The Project Manager shall submit a monthly invoice to the CITY for the services rendered during the reporting period. All invoices and related records will be available for inspection and/or independent audit at the election of CITY.

## **SECTION 3-PERFORMANCE STANDARDS**

The CONTRACTOR will be held responsible for project management according to specified operating procedures. The CITY may establish additional rules, which are reasonable for operation of this service after consultation with the CONTRACTOR.

### **A) Dial-A-Ride (DAR) Minimum Service Standards**

It is the goal of the CITY to maximize productivity while maintaining a high level of customer service. A set of minimum performance standards has been established. They are as follows:

1) On time Performance for calls requested by telephone:

Pick-up no later than 30 minutes after request by telephone	90%
Pick-up no later than 45 minutes after request by telephone	98%

2) Productivity (in passengers per hour) 2.50

CONTRACTOR shall limit the number of revenue hours billed to the CITY to the amount determined by dividing the number of passengers carried during the month by 2.5.

The CITY is interested in ways to assure an efficient and effective transit service. CONTRACTOR is welcome to suggest alternate productivity standards for consideration of the CITY during the contract period.

- 3) Fewer than three substantiated complaints per month.

## **B) Liquidated Damages**

In the event that the CONTRACTOR fails to meet certain performance levels, including, but not limited to the service standards outlined above, CITY may deduct from sums due the CONTRACTOR as detailed below. Damages that would be suffered by the CITY cannot be ascertained with certainty, so the CITY and the CONTRACTOR agree to the following liquidated damages:

- 1) \$500.00 should the CONTRACTOR fail in any month to meet an on-time performance level of ninety percent within 30 minutes and ninety-eight percent within 45 minutes for the Dial-a-Ride. On-time performance checks shall be conducted by the CONTRACTOR using vehicle operator trip sheets or trip tickets. CITY reserves the right to audit the accuracy of the on-time checks performed by the CONTRACTOR. Determinations made by CITY regarding the accuracy of on-time checks shall be final.
- 2) \$1,000.00 in the event the CONTRACTOR receives a rating of unsatisfactory from the California Highway Patrol (CHP) based on CHP'S annual terminal inspection of CONTRACTOR'S location.
- 3) \$100.00 per occurrence in which a wheelchair lift fails to operate properly during the pick-up of a disabled passenger or for any occurrence in which a wheelchair-bound client is improperly tied down or a wheelchair becomes unfastened from one of its tie-down locations
- 4) \$50.00 per occurrence that any vehicle is determined by the City to have improperly operated air conditioning system
- 5) \$20.00 per occurrence that a vehicle operator fails to wear a proper uniform
- 6) \$20.00 per occurrence that vehicle operator fails to demonstrate a professional appearance (i.e., clean uniform, shirt tucked in, well groom appearance)
- 7) \$100.00 per validated complaint after 3<sup>rd</sup> complaint in any month or upon CONTRACTOR not passing City inspection of vehicles.
- 8) \$100.00 per occurrence for failure to provide accurate ridership and trip sheets or other reports as required within any monthly accounting period.

**EXHIBIT B**

**PAYMENT RATES AND SCHEDULE  
FOR FY 2015 - 2018**

Vehicles	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Option Years
Cost per RVH* for DAR using City vehicles	\$49.19*	\$49.83*	\$50.66*	Based on CPI adjustment**
Cost per RVH* for DAR using contractor vehicle	\$49.19	\$49.83	\$50.66	Based on CPI adjustment**
Cost per RVH* for special service	\$49.19	\$49.83	\$50.66	Based on CPI adjustment**
Cost per RVH for DAR using City bus***	\$49.9	\$49.83	\$50.66	Based on CPI adjustment**
Annual Not to Exceed Amount	\$270,538	\$274,064	\$278,610	

*\* A revenue vehicle hour is the time between the first pick-up and the last drop-off less driver breaks, fueling time and service interruptions.*

*\*\*Rates will be adjusted annually based on the CPI. CPI will be calculated by comparing the percentage change in the CPI Index for the twelve month period ending March 31 of each year and multiplying the applicable amount by one hundred percent (100%) of that percentage change in CPI.*

*"CPI Index" the Consumer Price Index – Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Works for Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange Co CA, all items less energy as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

*Contractor may require a three-hour minimum for services provided using the City's bus.*

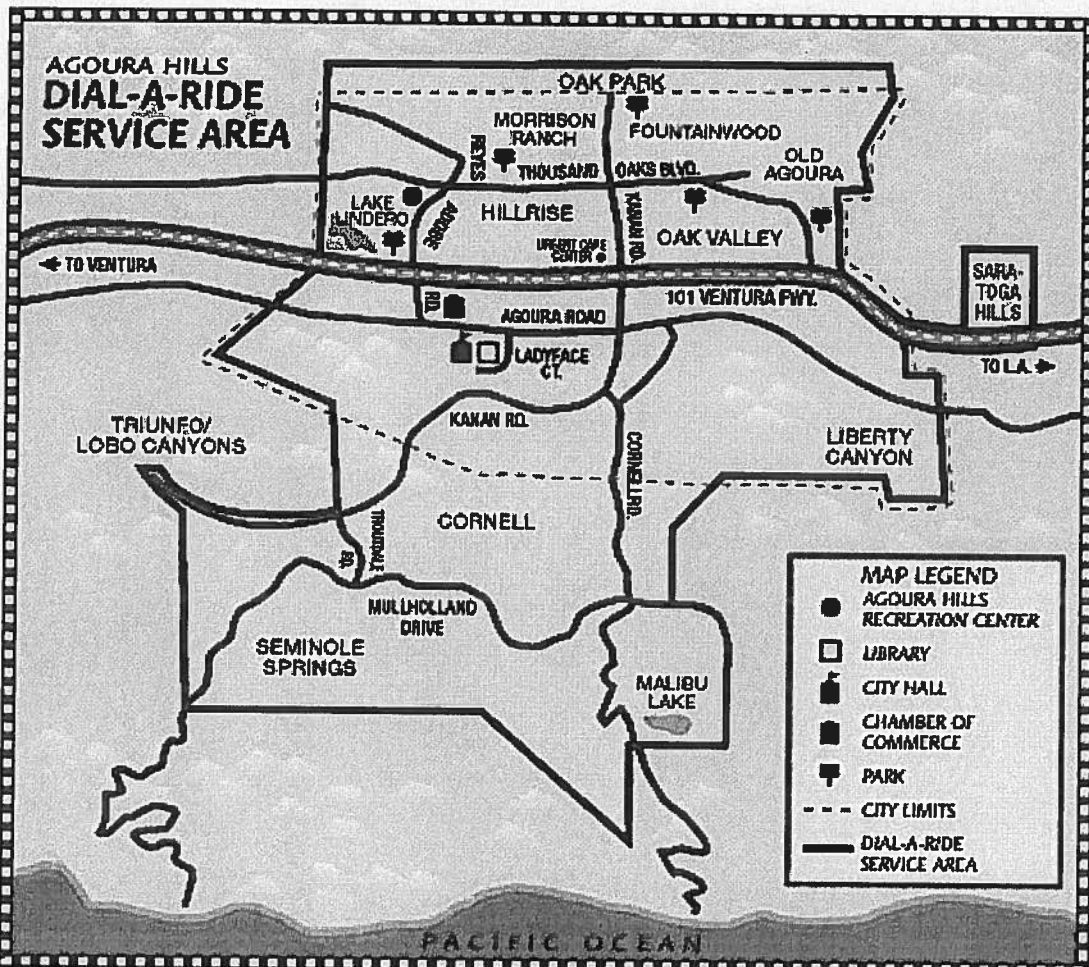
**Fueling Provision**

Payment rates includes proposed Fueling Provision at the City of Thousand Oaks Municipal Services Center, 1993 Rancho Conejo Road. Due to volatility of fuels prices, CITY will receive the best available pump price in the region, and will pay the same price for fuel as Thousand Oaks Transit will no additional mark up. (At time of proposal package submitted, estimated saving was \$.30/gal)

Transitional Period - CONTRACTOR AND CITY will arrange for inspections of the Agoura-owned vehicles by Thousand Oaks fleet staff (with MV staff present) to identify any potential maintenance deficiencies. In the event your current operator is unable or unwilling to make the necessary repairs, MV will do so prior to placing the vehicles in service and bill accordingly, outside of the maintenance included in the hourly rate.

## APPENDIX C

### MAP OF SERVICE AREAS (CITY PROGRAM/UNINCORPORATED LA COUNTY)



The City's DAR program also provides service to appointment based destinations in point of interest in the cities of Westlake Village and Thousand Oaks:

Westlake Village: Destinations beyond Lake Lindero Blvd

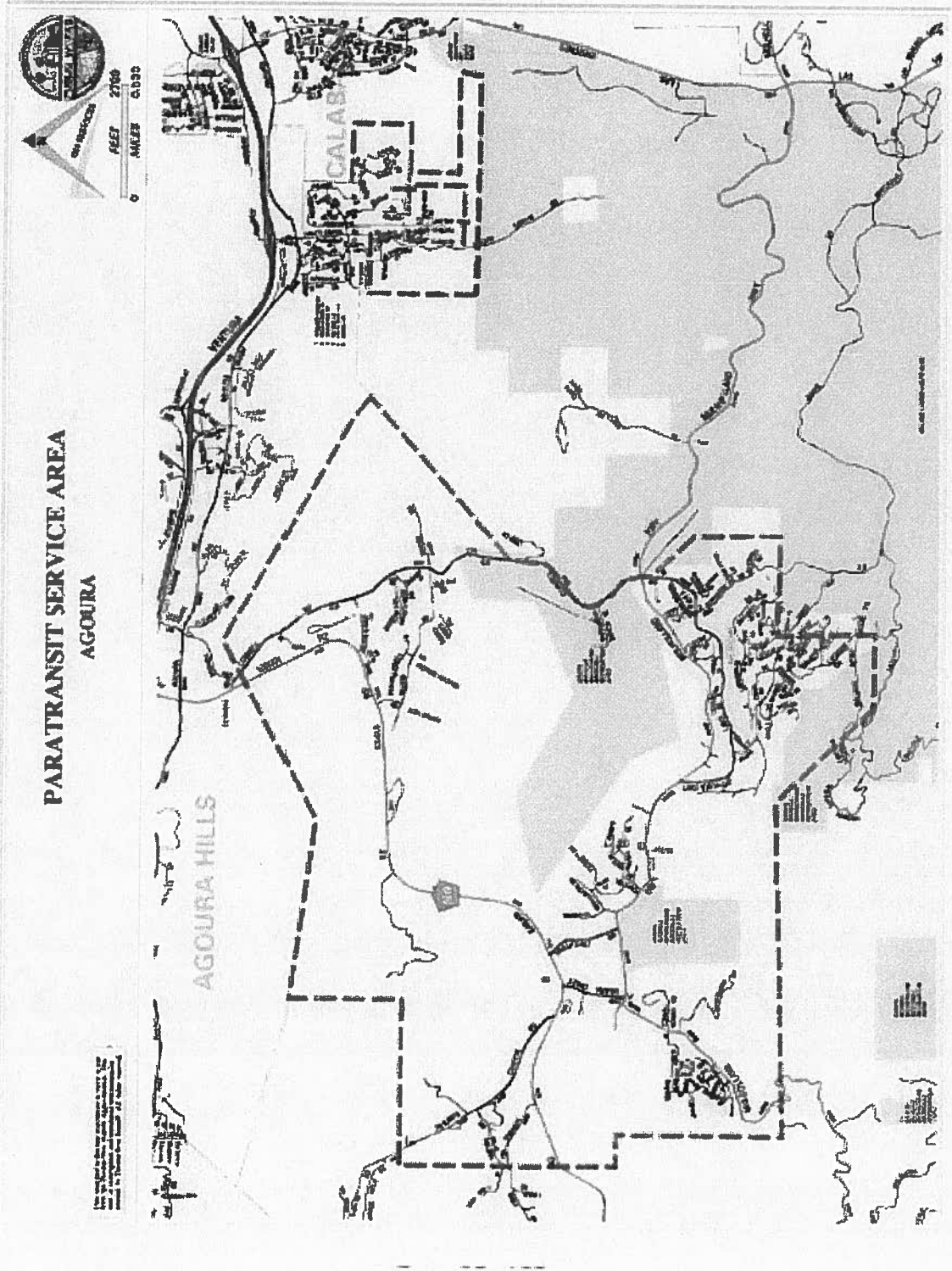
Thousand Oaks: Civic Arts Plaza, DMV, Goebel Senior Center, Janss Marketplace, Los Robles Hospital, Medical Facilities (Lynn Rd), Oaks Mall, Senior Concerns, Social Security Admin. Office, Thousand Oaks Teen Center/Library, Thousand Oaks Auto Mall, Westlake Promenade, Kaiser

Oak Park: Oak Park Shopping Center (Corner of Kanan Rd/Lindero Canyon Rd)

City reserves the right to add and remove sites based on demand/service



# LA County Service Area



**APPENDIX D**

**CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE JURY SERVICE PROGRAM (LA COUNTY)**

## CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE JURY SERVICE PROGRAM

### A) Jury Service Program

This Contract is subject to the provisions of the County's ordinance entitled Contractor Employee Jury Service ("Jury Service Program") as codified in Sections 2.203.010 through 2.203.090 of the Los Angeles County Code.

### B) Written Employee Jury Service Policy

1. Unless Contractor has demonstrated to the County's satisfaction either that Contractor is not a "Contractor" as defined under the Jury Service Program (Section 2.203.020 of the County Code) or that Contractor qualifies for an exception to the Jury Service Program (Section 2.203.070 of the County Code), Contractor shall have and adhere to a written policy that provides that its Employees shall receive from the Contractor, on an annual basis, no less than five days of regular pay for actual jury service. The policy may provide that Employees deposit any fees received for such jury service with the Contractor or that the Contractor deduct from the Employee's regular pay the fees received for jury service.
2. For purposes of this Section, "Contractor" means a person, partnership, corporation or other entity which has a contract with the County or a subcontract with a County contractor and has received or will receive an aggregate sum of \$50,000 or more in any 12-month period under one or more County contracts or subcontracts. "Employee" means any California resident who is a full time employee of Contractor. "Full time" means 40 hours or more worked per week, or a lesser number of hours if: 1) the lesser number is a recognized industry standard as determined by the County, or 2) Contractor has a long-standing practice that defines the lesser number of hours as full-time. Full-time employees providing short-term, temporary services of 90 days or less within a 12-month period are not considered full-time for purposes of the Jury Service Program. If Contractor uses any subcontractor to perform services for the County under the Contract, the subcontractor shall also be subject to the provisions of this Section. The provisions of this Section shall be inserted into any such subcontract agreement and a copy of the Jury Service Program shall be attached to the agreement.
3. If Contractor is not required to comply with the Jury Service Program when the Contract commences, Contractor shall have a continuing obligation to review the applicability of its "exception status" from the Jury Service Program, and Contractor shall immediately notify County if Contractor at any time either comes within the Jury Service Program's definition of "Contractor" or if Contractor no longer qualifies for an exception to the Program. In either event, Contractor shall immediately implement a written policy consistent with the Jury Service Program. The County may also require, at any time during the Contract and at its sole discretion, that Contractor demonstrate to the County's satisfaction that Contractor either continues to remain outside of the Jury Service Program's definition of "Contractor" and/or that Contractor continues to qualify for an exception to the Program.
4. Contractor's violation of this Section of the contract may constitute a material breach of the Contract. In the event of such material breach, County may, in its sole discretion, terminate

the Contract and/or bar Contractor from the award of future County contracts for a period of time consistent with the seriousness of the breach.



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<b>Name:</b> Mike Houser		
<b>Address:</b> 1993 Rancho Conejo Blvd.		
<b>City:</b> Thousand Oaks	<b>State:</b> CA	<b>Zip Code:</b> 91362
<b>Telephone Number:</b> (805) 376-5063		
<b>Name and Type of Goods or Services:</b> Local Government		

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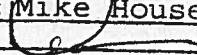
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**Part II-Certification of Compliance**

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I declare under the penalty of perjury under the State of California that the information state above is correct and true.

<b>Print Name:</b> Mike Houser	<b>Title:</b> Transit Manager
<b>Signature:</b> 	<b>Date:</b> 2/25/15

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<b>Name:</b> MV Transportation, Inc.	
<b>Address:</b> 5910 N. Central Expressway, Suite 1145	
<b>City:</b> Dallas	<b>State:</b> TX <b>Zip Code:</b> 75206
<b>Telephone Number:</b> 707.474.7784	
<b>Name and Type of Goods or Services:</b> Transportation Operations and Maintenance	

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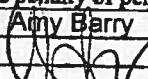
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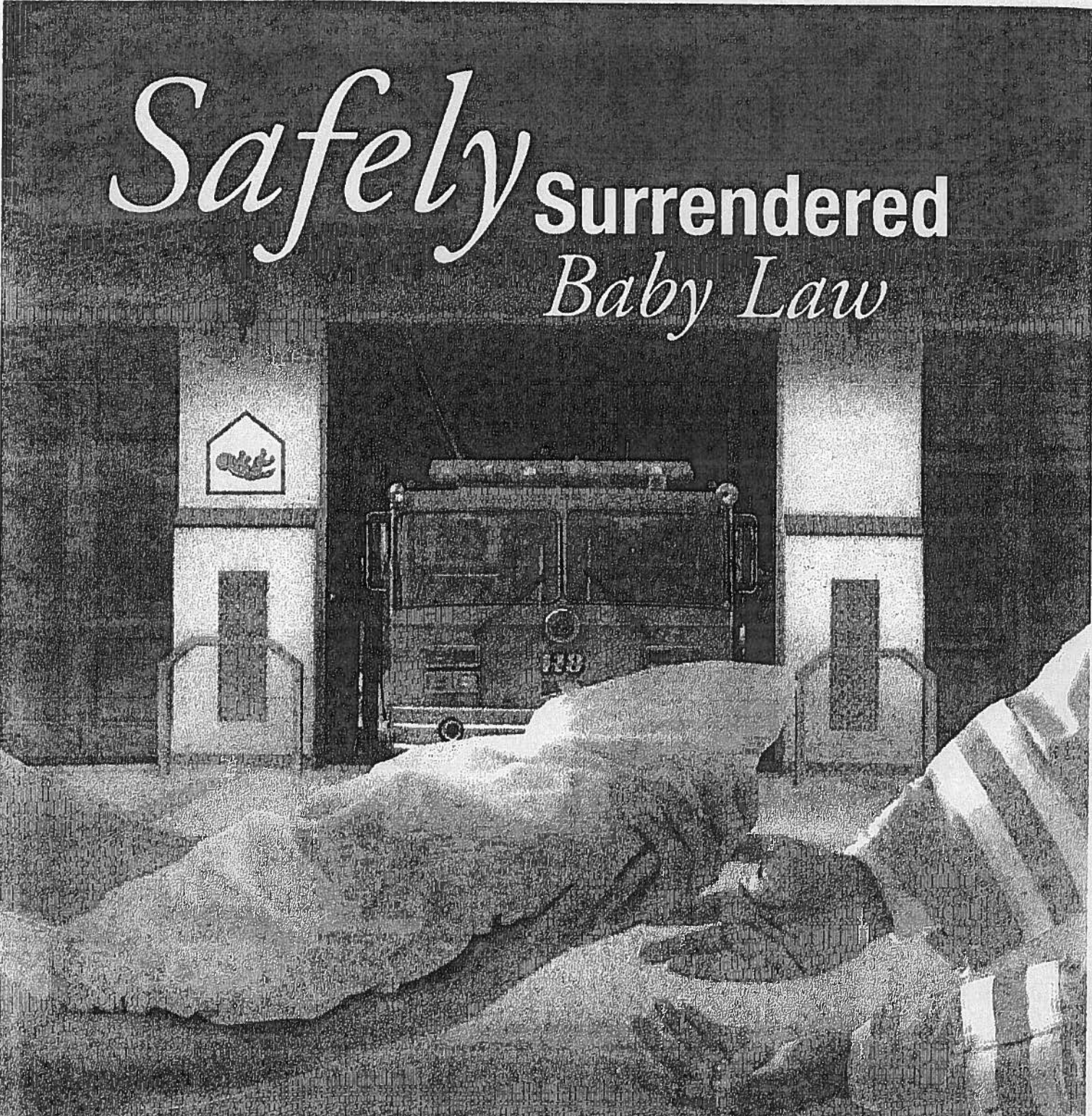
<b>Print Name:</b> Amy Barry	<b>Title:</b> Senior Vice President
<b>Signature:</b> 	<b>Date:</b> February 20, 2015

**APPENDIX E**

**SAFELY SURRENDER BABY LAW FACT SHEET AND FLYER (LA COUNTY)**



# *Safely* Surrendered *Baby Law*



*Babies can be safely surrendered  
to staff at any hospital or fire station in Los Angeles County*

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# Safely Surrendered Baby Law

## What is the Safely Surrendered Baby Law?

California's Safely Surrendered Baby Law allows parents or other persons, with lawful custody, which means anyone to whom the parent has given permission to confidentially surrender a baby. As long as the baby is three days (72 hours) of age or younger and has not been abused or neglected, the baby may be surrendered without fear of arrest or prosecution.

*Every baby deserves a chance for a healthy life. If someone you know is considering abandoning a baby, let her know there are other options. For three days (72 hours) after birth, a baby can be surrendered to staff at any hospital or fire station in Los Angeles County.*

## How does it work?

A distressed parent who is unable or unwilling to care for a baby can legally, confidentially, and safely surrender a baby within three days (72 hours) of birth. The baby must be handed to an employee at a hospital or fire station in Los Angeles County. As long as the baby shows no sign of abuse or neglect, no name or other information is required. In case the parent changes his or her mind at a later date and wants the baby back, staff will use bracelets to help connect them to each other. One bracelet will be placed on the baby, and a matching bracelet will be given to the parent or other surrendering adult.

## What if a parent wants the baby back?

Parents who change their minds can begin the process of reclaiming their baby within 14 days. These parents should call the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services at 1-800-540-4000.

## Can only a parent bring in the baby?

No. While in most cases a parent will bring in the baby, the Law allows other people to bring in the baby if they have lawful custody.

## Does the parent or surrendering adult have to call before bringing in the baby?

No. A parent or surrendering adult can bring in a baby anytime, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, as long as the parent or surrendering adult surrenders the baby to someone who works at the hospital or fire station.

## Does the parent or surrendering adult have to tell anything to the people taking the baby?

No. However, hospital or fire station personnel will ask the surrendering party to fill out a questionnaire designed to gather important medical history information, which is very useful in caring for the baby. The questionnaire includes a stamped return envelope and can be sent in at a later time.

## What happens to the baby?

The baby will be examined and given medical treatment. Upon release from the hospital, social workers immediately place the baby in a safe and loving home and begin the adoption process.

## What happens to the parent or surrendering adult?

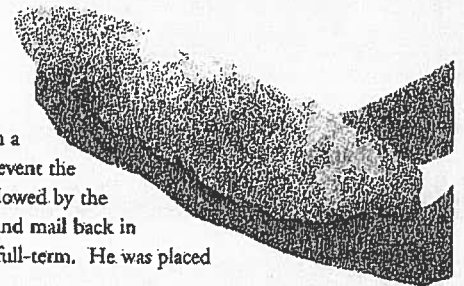
Once the parent or surrendering adult surrenders the baby to hospital or fire station personnel, they may leave at any time.

## Why is California doing this?

The purpose of the Safely Surrendered Baby Law is to protect babies from being abandoned, hurt or killed by their parents. You may have heard tragic stories of babies left in dumpsters or public bathrooms. Their parents may have been under severe emotional distress. The mothers may have hidden their pregnancies, fearful of what would happen if their families found out. Because they were afraid and had no one or nowhere to turn for help, they abandoned their babies. Abandoning a baby is illegal and places the baby in extreme danger. Too often, it results in the baby's death. The Safely Surrendered Baby Law prevents this tragedy from ever happening again in California.

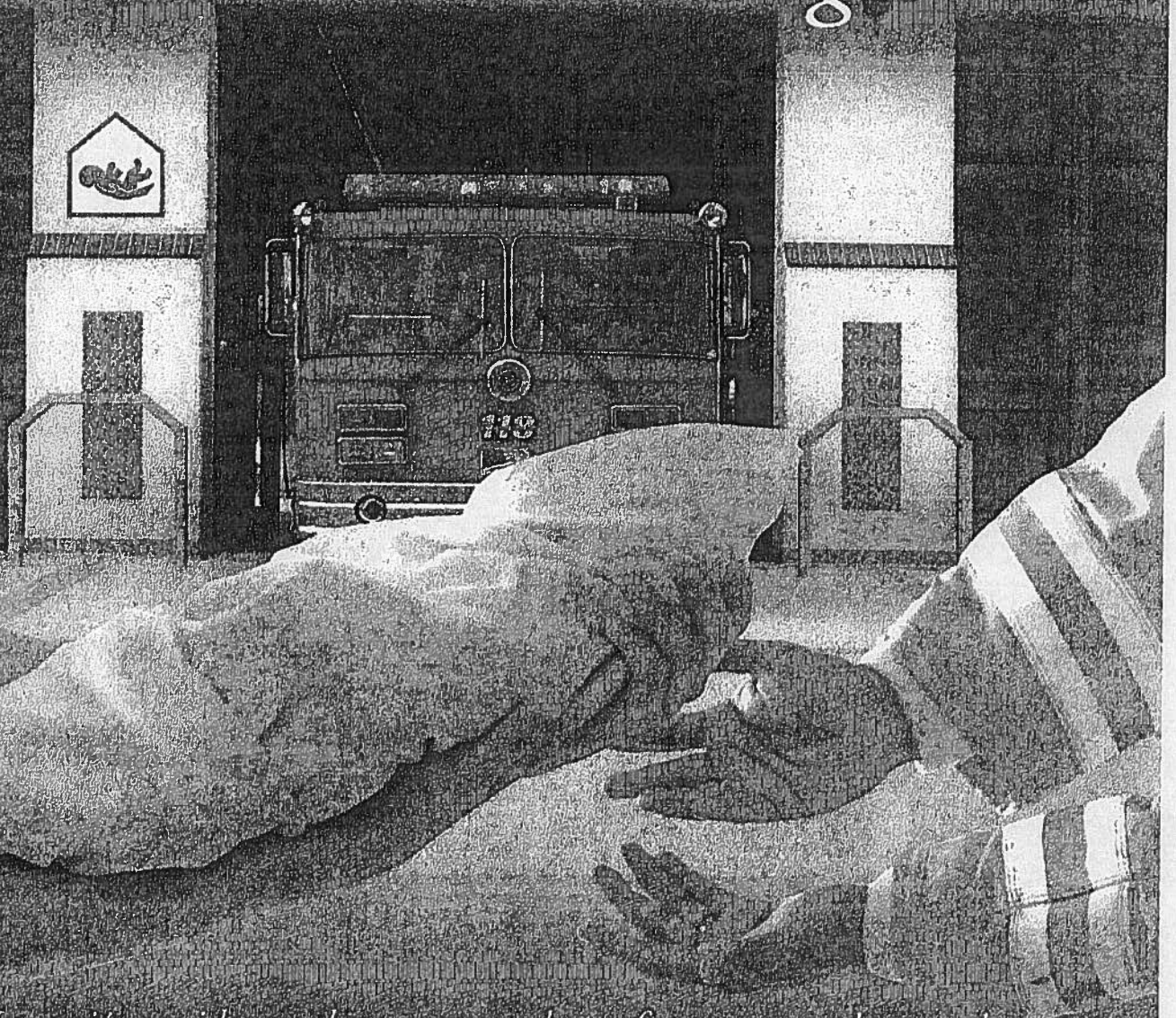
## A baby's story

Early in the morning on April 9, 2005, a healthy baby boy was safely surrendered to nurses at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. The woman who brought the baby to the hospital identified herself as the baby's aunt and stated the baby's mother had asked her to bring the baby to the hospital on her behalf. The aunt was given a bracelet with a number matching the anklet placed on the baby; this would provide some identification in the event the mother changed her mind about surrendering the baby and wished to reclaim the baby in the 14-day period allowed by the Law. The aunt was also provided with a medical questionnaire and said she would have the mother complete and mail back in the stamped return envelope provided. The baby was examined by medical staff and pronounced healthy and full-term. He was placed with a loving family that had been approved to adopt him by the Department of Children and Family Services.





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# Ley de Entrega de Bebés Sin Peligro

## ¿Qué es la Ley de Entrega de Bebés sin Peligro?

La Ley de Entrega de Bebés sin Peligro de California permite la entrega confidencial de un recién nacido por parte de sus padres u otras personas con custodia legal, es decir cualquier persona a quien los padres le hayan dado permiso. Siempre que el bebé tenga tres días (72 horas) de vida o menos y no haya sufrido abuso ni negligencia, pueden entregar al recién nacido sin temor de ser arrebatados o procesados.

*Cada recién nacido se merece la oportunidad de tener una vida saludable. Si alguien que usted conoce está pensando en abandonar a un recién nacido, infórmele que tiene otras opciones. Hasta tres días (72 horas) después del nacimiento, se puede entregar un recién nacido al personal de cualquier hospital o cuartel de bomberos del condado de Los Angeles.*

## ¿Cómo funciona?

El padre/madre con dificultades que no pueda o no quiera cuidar de su recién nacido puede entregarlo en forma legal, confidencial y segura dentro de los tres días (72 horas) del nacimiento. El bebé debe ser entregado a un empleado de cualquier hospital o cuartel de bomberos del Condado de Los Angeles. Siempre que el bebé no presente signos de abuso o negligencia, no será necesario suministrar nombres ni información alguna. Si el padre/madre cambia de opinión posteriormente y desea recuperar a su bebé, los trabajadores utilizarán brazaleres para poder vincularlos. El bebé llevará un brazalere y el padre/madre o el adulto que lo entregue recibirá un brazalere igual.

## ¿Qué pasa si el padre/madre desea recuperar a su bebé?

Los padres que cambien de opinión pueden comenzar el proceso de reclamar a su recién nacido dentro de los 14 días. Estos padres deberán llamar al Departamento de Servicios para Niños y Familias (Department of Children and Family Services) del Condado de Los Angeles al 1-800-540-4000.

## ¿Sólo los padres podrán llevar al recién nacido?

No. Si bien en la mayoría de los casos son los padres los que llevan al bebé, la ley permite que otras personas lo hagan si tienen custodia legal.

## ¿Los padres o el adulto que entrega al bebé deben llamar antes de llevar al bebé?

No. El padre/madre o adulto puede llevar al bebé en cualquier momento, las 24 horas del día, los 7 días de la semana, siempre y cuando entreguen a su bebé a un empleado del hospital o cuartel de bomberos.

## ¿Es necesario que el padre/madre o adulto diga algo a las personas que reciben al bebé?

No. Sin embargo, el personal del hospital o cuartel de bomberos le pedirá a la persona que entregue al bebé que llene un cuestionario con la finalidad de recabar antecedentes médicos importantes, que resultan de gran utilidad para cuidar bien del bebé. El cuestionario incluye un sobre con el sello postal pagado para enviarlo en otro momento.

## ¿Qué pasará con el bebé?

El bebé será examinado y le brindarán atención médica. Cuando le den el alta del hospital, los trabajadores sociales inmediatamente ubicarán al bebé en un hogar seguro donde estará bien atendido, y se comenzará el proceso de adopción.

## ¿Qué pasará con el padre/madre o adulto que entregue al bebé?

Una vez que los padres o adulto hayan entregado al bebé al personal del hospital o cuartel de bomberos, pueden irse en cualquier momento.

## ¿Por qué se está haciendo esto en California?

La finalidad de la Ley de Entrega de Bebés sin Peligro es proteger a los bebés para que no sean abandonados, lastimados o muertos por sus padres. Usted probablemente haya escuchado historias trágicas sobre bebés abandonados en basureros o en baños públicos. Los padres de esos bebés probablemente hayan estado pasando por dificultades emocionales graves. Las madres pueden haber ocultado su embarazo, por temor a lo que pasaría si sus familias se enteraran. Abandonaron a sus bebés porque tenían miedo y no tenían nadie a quien pedir ayuda. El abandono de un recién nacido es ilegal y pone al bebé en una situación de peligro extremo. Muy a menudo el abandono provoca la muerte del bebé. La Ley de Entrega de Bebés sin Peligro impide que vuelva a suceder esta tragedia en California.

## Historia de un bebé

A la mañana temprano del día 9 de abril de 2005, se entregó un recién nacido saludable a las enfermeras del Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. La mujer que llevó el recién nacido al hospital se dio a conocer como la tía del bebé, y dijo que la madre le había pedido que llevara al bebé al hospital en su nombre. Le entregaron a la tía un brazalere con un número que coincidía con la pulsera del bebé; esto serviría como identificación en caso de que la madre cambiara de opinión con respecto a la entrega del bebé y decidiera recuperarlo dentro del período de 14 días que permite esta ley. También le dieron a la tía un cuestionario médico, y ella dijo que la madre lo llenaría y lo enviaría de vuelta dentro del sobre con franqueo pagado que le habían dado. El personal médico examinó al bebé y se determinó que estaba saludable y a término. El bebé fue ubicado con una buena familia que ya había sido aprobada para adoptarlo por el Departamento de Servicios para Niños y Familias.

