

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

DATE: JUNE 22, 2005

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: GREG RAMIREZ, CITY MANAGER

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SUBJECT: AGREEMENT WITH LAIDLAW TRANSIT SERVICES, INC., TO PROVIDE PARATRANSIT (DIAL-A-RIDE SERVICE)

Please find attached a one-year extension of the agreement with Laidlaw Transit Services, Inc., for paratransit service (2005-2006). Laidlaw Transit Service has been the City's contractor for the past two years, providing demand response service and recreation transit to the community. Because of Laidlaw's excellent service, responsiveness and flexibility to both City and resident needs, staff is recommending the extension of this agreement for a period of one year.

A few minor modifications have been incorporated into the original agreement and scope of work that will allow for continued and enhanced service. Modifications include:

- 4% rate increase in keeping with the Los Angeles – Long Beach Consumer Price Index.
- City provide back-up vehicle.
- Identification of local vendors for light routine vehicle maintenance and performance of routine vehicle maintenance on Saturdays.
- Identification of additional resources to address high driver turnover (i.e. maintaining a standing recruitment advertisement in an appropriate publication and if necessary, assistance from other Laidlaw locations in Oxnard, El Monte, Long Beach and/or Redondo Beach for additional drivers).

Ultimately, these modifications will encourage efficiency on behalf of the contractor in administering the program. Moreover, it will address components of the program that need improvement.

RECOMMENDATION

It is respectfully recommended the City Council:

Approve the attached agreement to extend paratransit services between Laidlaw Transit Services, Inc., and the City of Agoura Hills from July 1, 2005 through June 30 2006.

Attachments