June 7, 2016

Annual Extension of Public Transit and Special Needs Transportation Services

Introduction

The attached June 7, 2016 Board of Supervisors agenda item is a one-year term extension of the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Pima County and the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) for public transit and special needs transportation services. The RTA is the regional provider of transit services in Pima County and this IGA is the mechanism by which Pima County supports and funds this service. This includes fixed-route Suntran service, express and rural transit service, and special needs transportation services.

On August 3, 2010, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution and Order 2010-190, which approved an IGA between Pima County and the RTA for a period of five years. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2015/16, the Board approved the extension of this IGA for only one year because the City of Tucson and the RTA were considering changes to transit service to meet budget demands. This process is continuing. It is therefore recommended this IGA be extended for another one-year period. As regional transit service and funding become more stable and secure, a longer-term agreement with the RTA can be pursued.

Pima County’s annual contribution for transit service is referred to as Maintenance of Effort (MOE) funding. The amount is based on A.R.S. §41-5308, which establishes the amount of funds spent in FY 2003/04 as the base amount, adjusted each subsequent year based on the percentage change in the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) price deflator. The GDP price deflator, as defined in A.R.S. §41-563, is a metric like the Consumer Price Index, which accounts for inflation. Section 4 of the IGA enables the County Administrator and the RTA Executive Director to calculate and approve the annual funding amount each year. In FY 2015/16, the inflation-adjusted amount was $5,964,513. The proposed amount for FY 2016/17 is $6,066,089, an increase of $101,576.

If approved by the Board, this IGA extension will allow the RTA to continue to provide transit services in the unincorporated area of Pima County for FY 2016/17.

Recommendation

I recommend the Board of Supervisors approve a one-year extension to the Intergovernmental Agreement between Pima County and the Regional Transportation Authority for public transit and special needs transportation services for Fiscal Year 2016/17.
The Honorable Chair and Members, Pima County Board of Supervisors
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Respectfully submitted,

C. Huckelberry
County Administrator

CHH/mjk – May 24, 2016

Attachment

c: John Bernal, Deputy County Administrator for Public Works
   Priscilla Cornelio, Director, Department of Transportation
AMENDMENT TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
Resolution 2010-80
Contract No. 01-04-R-143170-0710 CT12*1517
PROJECT: Regionalization of Public Transit and Special Needs Transportation Service and Maintenance of Effort
PARTIES: Pima County and Regional Transportation Authority
AMENDMENT NO. 4

ORIGINAL TERM: July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2015 FY 2015/2016 AMOUNT: $5,964,513.00
CURRENT TERMINATION DATE: June 30, 2016 AMENDED TERMINATION DATE: June 30, 2017 FY 2016/2017 AMOUNT: $6,066,089.00

AMENDMENT NUMBER 4

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Authority of Pima County (RTA) has entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Pima County (County) to cooperate in the Regionalization of Public Transit and Special Needs Transportation Service and Maintenance of Effort; and

WHEREAS, County and RTA wish to extend the IGA for an additional year,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Agreement is amended as follows:

CHANGE: 3. Effective Date: Term,

From: "... June 30, 2016 ...

To: 
"... June 30, 2017 ...

All other provisions not specifically changed by this Amendment shall remain in full force and effect.
In Witness Whereof, the Regional Transportation Authority of Pima County has caused this Amendment to be executed by its Chair of the Board and attested by the Executive Director, and Pima County has caused this Amendment to the Agreement to be executed by the Chairman of the Pima County Board of Supervisors, upon resolution of the Board and attested to by the Clerk of the Board.

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

__________________________________________  __________________________
Ed Honea, RTA Chair of the Board  Date

ATTEST:

__________________________________________  __________________________
Farhad Moghimi, RTA Executive Director  Date

PIMA COUNTY

__________________________________________  __________________________
Sharon Bronson, Chair,  
Board of Supervisors  Date

ATTEST:

__________________________________________  __________________________
Clerk of the Board  Date

ATTORNEY CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Amendment to the Agreement by and between the Regional Transportation Authority of Pima County and Pima County has been reviewed pursuant to A.R.S. 11-952 by the undersigned who have determined that it is in proper form and is within the powers and authority granted under the laws of the State of Arizona to those parties to the Agreement represented by the undersigned.

Regional Transportation Authority of Pima County

__________________________________________  __________________________
Thomas Benavidez, Attorney for the Authority  Date

Pima County

Deputy County Attorney  __________________________
ANDREW FLUG  Date  5/28/2016
AMENDED EXHIBIT A

to the

Intergovernmental Agreement between

The Regional Transportation Authority of Pima County and Pima County

for the Regionalization of Public Transit and Special Needs Transportation Services

and Maintenance of Effort Funding

Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Calculation per A.R.S. § 48-5308 (F)

Pima County MOE – FY 2015-16

$5,964,513

GDP Adjustment to FY 2015-16 per Section 4 of IGA

Growth Factor 1.7%

$101,576

TOTAL FY 2016-17 MOE

$6,066,089

C.H. Huckelberry,
Pima County Administrator

Farhad Moghimi,
Executive Director
Regional Transportation Authority

Date

Date