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**EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 16, 2008**

SUBJECT: TRANSIT COMMUNITY POLICING SERVICES

**ACTION: ENTER INTO DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE LOS ANGELES
COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT (LASD) FOR TRANSIT COMMUNITY
POLICING SERVICES**

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to enter into direct contract negotiations with the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Transit Services Bureau (LASD-TSB) for transit community policing services.

RATIONALE

At the July 2008 Regular Board Meeting, Director Parks made an amendment to Item 28 (Request For Interest and Qualifications for New Transit Policing Contract) requesting staff to return to the Board for approval to enter into exclusive negotiations with the most qualified respondent to provide transit security services over the next five years.

The current contract between us and LASD-TSB is set to expire on December 31, 2008. Given the time constraint for developing new contracted services, staff received authorization from the Board to issue a RFIQ on July 24, 2008.

Rather than pursue the complex process of a Request for Proposal (RFP), staff sought to identify only those potential service providers that would be both interested and qualified to provide those law enforcement services we require. The RFIQ resulted in only one respondent that was both interested and qualified: LASD-TSB.

Scope of Work

Staff is seeking to negotiate a limited and highly focused Scope of Work (SOW) for the new transit community policing services contract. These negotiations will center on the following:

- Phasing out/elimination of dedicated Fare Inspectors.
- Changing deployment from a Minutes based contract to a full-time equivalent based contract.
- Aligning supervisory ratios in favor of standard law enforcement supervisory ratios.
- Plan conformity with implementation of the Fare Gating system.

Only elements of the existing contract that use appropriately skilled personnel for required primary functions and represent an actual Prevention and Deterrence to crime on our system will be retained.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The funding of \$63,721,937 for transit policing services is included in the FY09 budget under cost center 2610, Transit Security under multiple operating projects in Line 50320, Contract Services.

The \$63,721,937 represents the total amount budgeted for FY09 transit policing services. In March 2008, the Board approved a six-month extension of the LASD contract through December 31, 2008 in an amount not to exceed \$31,860, 969. Based upon the outcome of the direct contract negotiations, staff may need to request additional funding for the remaining fiscal year (January 2009 through June 30, 2009) as part of the new contract award.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

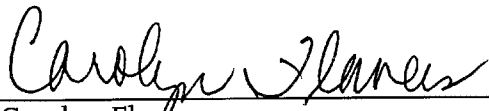
Staff had considered utilizing the RFP process for this new transit community policing contract. However, this option is not recommended because it is now known that there is actually only one vendor interested and qualified to proceed. The RFP process would also require more man-hours to develop, review and negotiate than direct negotiations can provide given the expiration date of December 31, 2008 of the current contract extension.

Other considerations included establishing multiple, individual jurisdictional contracts for services, but this approach to contracting proves to be, though technically feasible, not manageable in actual practice. Even a variation alternative to this option, to use fewer jurisdictions on larger areas, proves to be a command, control and jurisdictional authority problem. Additionally, time available to conduct the RFP for multiple contracts represents a high expenditure of man-hours to complete and then execute would ultimately not represent a cost effective or efficient use of our resources given the results.

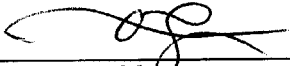
NEXT STEPS

Upon approval, staff will enter into contract negotiations with LASD-TSB for the next transit community policing services. Staff will meet with designated Board staff to provide a progress report and receive appropriate guidance on the development of the negotiations. Staff will return to the Board for approval of the final contract. If the negotiations and final contract do not get approved by January 1, 2009, there will be a requirement for another LASD-TSB extension to the existing contract.

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