
AC TRANSIT DISTRICT
Board of Directors
Executive Summary

GM Memo No. 10-036a

Meeting Date: September 22, 2010

Committees:

Planning Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Finance and Audit Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>
External Affairs Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Operations Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rider Complaint Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Paratransit Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>
Board of Directors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Financing Corporation	<input type="checkbox"/>

SUBJECT: Consider Authorizing the Interim General Manager to enter into a Nine Month Extension of the Dumbarton Bridge Express Service Cooperative Agreement – October 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Information Only Briefing Item Recommended Motion

Authorize the Interim General Manager to Enter Into a Further Nine Month Extension of the Dumbarton Bridge Express Service Cooperative Agreement to June 30, 2011

Justification for Same Day Board Action: Request for same day Board action is contained in the content of the GM Memo.

Budgetary/Fiscal Impact:

Annually, the cost to operate the Dumbarton Express is approximately \$2.1 Million, using the contractual rate from the existing Agreement. Of those expenses, approximately \$900,000 is recovered by contributions from the Cooperative partners, and ~\$500,000 from fare revenues. It is estimated that an additional 9 month extension will result in the need for continued additional District subsidy of approximately \$600,000 above the reimbursed-cost amounts shown above.

Background/Discussion:

AC Transit originally introduced the Dumbarton Bridge Express Service (DBX) in September 1984, as a demonstration project funded through State Transit Assistance (STA) funds provided by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). At the expiration of the demonstration period, MTC proposed to fund the continuation of the service by forming a consortium of the five (5) impacted service providers who would each pay a proportional share of the net costs. In 1993, AC Transit, BART, Union City, SamTrans and VTA (collectively the "Consortium") entered into a Cooperative Agreement which formalized the Dumbarton Bridge Express Service. The service was administered by AC Transit and contracted out to a private service provider until March 2005, when the District's proposal to once again take over the service was approved by the Board and accepted by the Consortium. Under the Amended Cooperative Agreement with the Consortium agencies, AC Transit operates the service at a rate commensurate with that offered by a private provider and the other Consortium member agencies continue to contribute a proportional share to subsidize the service.

The Amended Cooperative Agreement under which the District operates the DBX expired at the end of December 2009. In January 2010, the Board approved the extension of this Agreement to September 30, 2010. On April 28, 2010, the Planning Committee was presented an item on the release of a request for proposals for the operations of the DBX. This item was retained in committee, and based on the committee chairs' direction, staff has requested and successfully obtained a partner transit agency to conduct the procurement. The San Mateo Transit District (SamTrans) is administering the procurement process and GM Memo 10-158 provided an update to the Planning Committee in June 2010, which included a tentative procurement schedule. There has been some delay in this schedule and the following timeline is now anticipated:

- September 2010 – Solicitation release
- November 2010 – Solicitations Due
- Early 2011 – Contract Award
- Late Spring 2011 – Service Start

In the meantime, it is necessary to extend the Cooperative Agreement to authorize AC Transit's continued operation of the DBX service. Staff believes that an additional nine month extension of the Agreement should allow sufficient time to execute the timeline outlined above.

As per GM Memo 10-158, staff is also continuing its work with the Dumbarton Rail Corridor Project team. Given the fiscal situation and the current District subsidy of the DBX service, outlined above, staff continues to advocate for RM2 operating funds to support current operations of the DBX. Staff will present such a proposal at the Dumbarton Rail Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting in November 2010.

As this contract expires September 30, 2010, it is necessary to forward this memo to the Board of Directors on the same day so the extension can be approved before the contract expires.

Pursuant to Board Policy 100, Section 5.5.4, (1) The Board President has been advised of the need for expediting this matter and concurs with its consideration by the Committee and the Board of Directors on the same day; (2) the justification for the request is identified in the preceding paragraph; (3) the Board of Directors will have to vote on the consideration of the item prior to acting on it; and (4) the District Secretary has made the required notices on the agendas.

Prior Relevant Board Actions/Policies:

GM Memo 10-158: Consider Receiving an Update Regarding the Dumbarton Express (DBX) Service and the Potential Use of Regional Measure Two (RM2) Funding for Operations

GM Memo 10-036: Consider Authorizing the Interim General Manager to enter into a Six Month Extension of the Dumbarton Bridge Express Service

Cooperative Agreement – January 1, 2010 to June 30, 2010
GM Memo 04-067: Issuance of a RFP for new DB Express service operator, February 18, 2004
GM Memo 04-332: Authorize Agreement for District operation of DB Express service, November 17, 2004

Attachments:

None

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