

September 17, 2003

Honorable Mayor and Members of
the Hermosa Beach City Council

Regular Meeting of
September 23, 2003

**PROPOSITION A TRANSPORTATION FUNDS – WAVE DIAL-A-RIDE;
RECREATION TRANSPORTATION; COMMUTER EXPRESS BUS; SENIORS
TAXI VOUCHERS; BUS PASS SUBSIDY AND RELATED COSTS**

Recommendation:

That the City Council receive and file the additional information received concerning overall costs for the WAVE Program and direct staff to participate in the review of the WAVE Program and a possible beach cities fixed route and report back to the City Council in 6 months.

Background:

During the hearing on this item at the meeting of September 9, 2003, the City Council continued the hearing until this meeting to allow staff to provide additional information regarding operating costs.

Redondo Beach has provided the following information for the 2001-02 fiscal year for the entire WAVE operation.

Total passenger trips	90,746
Total operating costs	\$797,099
Total farebox revenues	\$ 45,663
Net operating costs	\$751,436

Cost per trip: $751,436/90,746 = \$8.28$ per trip

Cost per passenger mile: $751,436/294,266 = \$2.55$ per passenger mile

This shows a fairly reasonable cost when compared to other similar systems. The reporting information that the City has received over the years from Redondo Beach will be revised to include the share of the satellite areas that have not been reported.

The redesign effort that Redondo Beach has initiated will include a review of the WAVE Program, a study of a fixed route system that would serve the three beach cities and other options or ideas that come up as part of the review. This will include whether or not the operation should purchase the rolling stock instead of contracting with a private transportation company, the use of taxis and other alternatives.

Staff would work with Redondo Beach staff and others to review and develop a proposal that will be submitted for review and consideration by each of the cities involved. Public hearings, workshops and other outreach will be part of any proposal brought forward.

In addition, staff will report back to the City Council on a periodic basis reporting the progress of this effort.

Respectfully submitted,

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City Manager