

June 21, 2005

Honorable Mayor and Members of  
the Hermosa Beach City Council

Regular Meeting of  
June 28, 2005

**WAVE PROGRAM, CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN WAVE SENIOR AND  
DISABLED PARA TRANSIT SERVICE, WHICH WOULD BE COVERED BY THE USE  
OF SUB REGIONAL FUNDS.**

**Recommendation:**

That the City Council authorize the continued participation in the Wave Program, now redesigned to only provide service to seniors and disabled riders, at no direct cost to the city.

**Background:**

As the City Council is aware, staff and a committee on Mayor Reviczky and Council member Yoon, has been working with the Transit Manager from Redondo Beach to craft a recommendation for the City Council to consider concerning the City's continue participation in the Wave program. The direction that the committee and staff followed were to make sure that the City was getting appropriate value for the funds spent on the Wave program. Staff received a proposal that would allow our residents to continue to use the system and there would be no direct cost for this service, as the sub regional funds that are received as a result of the two cities working together would cover our costs. This would also allow us to get lower rates for special shuttles and bus for the after school program, since we could use the lower rates charged by the operator of the Wave system. The Committee also asked whether or not the sub regional funds could be used to cover our cost for the special shuttles and after school bus and we have been told that they are not eligible for sub regional funds but remain eligible for Proposition A funding as we done for years.

This proposal would seem to make sense. First of all we will have the ability to offer two types of service, the taxi voucher program and the Wave Para transit service. The cost will be the same that we have paid for the taxi voucher program or perhaps somewhat less as some eligible residents would choose to use the Wave program instead of taxi voucher program. The budget for the 2005-06 recently adopted by the City Council will change as a result of accepting this proposal. The \$107,738. set aside for providing the Wave program as we have in the past will be eliminated. This will mean that the fund balance in the Proposition A fund will be higher and available for other eligible activities. If the City Council accepts this approach staff will return with a contract that would detail this agreement.

The proposal from Redondo Beach also included a plan that would include other cities to fund and operate the 439 line in the South Bay. Additional information on this proposal will be forthcoming and be the subject of another agenda item in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

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City Manager