

RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DATE:	June 11, 2008
TO:	Riverside County Transportation Commission
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SUBJECT:	Cooperative Agreement and License with Riverside Transit Agency for the Use, Operation and Maintenance for the Perris Multimodal Facility

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for the Commission to:

- 1) Approve Agreement No. 08-24-117-00 with the Riverside Transit Agency (RTA) to provide for a cooperative agreement and license for the use, operation, and maintenance for the Perris Multimodal Facility that will be constructed on Commission property; and
- 2) Authorize the Chair, pursuant to legal counsel review, to execute the agreement on behalf of the Commission.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

At its July 2003 meeting, the Commission approved MOU No. 23-001 for the pass through of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding from RTA to fund the Perris Multimodal Facility. The Commission was designated as the lead agency for the facility development and has proceeded with project development. Now the project is in final design and the 100% design plans are being reviewed by the city of Perris. This first phase will provide for a bus transit station which will be followed up with Metrolink service once the Perris Valley Line begins service. The current project includes a passenger waiting area connected to eight bus bays, a 141-space parking lot, a temporary restroom facility for RTA drivers, and enhanced landscaping and pedestrian walkways.

To maximize the utility of the facility, the Commission's Commuter Assistance Program will establish a park and ride lot for commuter carpools and vanpools at the site and will be responsible for the entire 141-space parking lot prior to Metrolink service. This provides a great partnership opportunity, since RTA does not have an immediate need for the parking spaces. Through research, it was determined that there is a high demand for a park and ride lot in the area.

The cooperative agreement confirms RTA will have a license to conduct passenger bus operations on Commission property and will provide appropriate insurance coverage and indemnification. In addition, RTA assumes the responsibility for the costs associated with the operations and maintenance for the transit portion of the facility. This includes the driveways, bus bays, platform, shelters, pedestrian walkways, personnel restroom, and trash enclosure. The Commission's Commuter Assistance Program will be responsible for maintaining the parking lot and security cameras associated with it. Costs will be shared between the two agencies for landscaping, maintenance of the storm drain treatment system, and utilities. This cooperative agreement will need to be in place prior to the start of operations.

This agreement will have a positive financial impact, with RTA contributing its share of the operating costs of facility. This agreement serves to clarify roles and responsibilities for maintenance between the agencies and will make the Perris Multimodal Facility a success well before the first Metrolink train arrives.