

Legislation Text

File #: BILL NO. 17-06, **Version:** 1

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONTRACT FOR TRANSIT SERVICES BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT, MISSOURI AND THE KANSAS CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (KCATA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,632.00 AND COMMITMENT OF \$299,579.00 OF FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION SECTION 5307 FORMULA FUNDS TO THE KCATA FOR THE #152 - LEE'S SUMMIT COMMUTER EXPRESS SERVICE. (PWC 12/19/16)

Issue/Request:

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Key Issues:

- The City of Lee's Summit has contracted with the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA) since 1999 for a commuter bus service - #152 Lee's Summit Express - between Lee's Summit and downtown Kansas City.
- The service provides four morning trips departing from Lee's Summit to downtown Kansas City, and four afternoon return trips, for those that commute to Kansas City for work.
- The cost to Lee's Summit for the 2017 contract with the KCATA for the #152 Lee's Summit Express Commuter Service and administration of OATS contract will be \$100,632. The local matching funds will be paid from the Transportation Sales Tax Fund as programmed in the City's Capital Improvements Plan and approved by Council as part of the FY2017 budget.
- There is a 2% increase from the previous year's #152 Lee's Summit Express contract, \$90,420 due to increased cost of service. There is also an additional \$7,500 annual administration fee for KCATA's management of federal funds and other services related to OATS, which is contracted separately for non-emergency demand response public transportation between OATS and the City of Lee's Summit.
- The number of busses and days of service for #152 Lee's Summit Express Commuter Service will be the same in 2017 as it was in 2016.
- Lee's Summit will obligate \$299,579 of its Federal Transit Administration Funding allocation to the KCATA for eligible operating and capital costs associated with these transit services.

Proposed City Council Motion:

FIRST MOTION: I move for a second reading of AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONTRACT FOR TRANSIT SERVICES BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT, MISSOURI AND THE KANSAS CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (KCATA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,632.00 AND COMMITMENT OF \$299,579.00 OF FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION SECTION 5307 FORMULA FUNDS TO THE KCATA FOR THE #152 - LEE'S SUMMIT COMMUTER EXPRESS SERVICE.

SECOND MOTION: I move for adoption of AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONTRACT FOR TRANSIT SERVICES BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT, MISSOURI AND THE KANSAS CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (KCATA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,632.00 AND COMMITMENT OF \$299,579.00 OF FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION SECTION 5307 FORMULA FUNDS TO THE KCATA FOR THE #152 - LEE'S SUMMIT COMMUTER EXPRESS SERVICE.

Background:

Since 1999, the City of Lee's Summit has contracted with the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA) to provide a commuter bus service from the park-and-ride lot at Chipman Road and M-350 in Lee's Summit to points in downtown Kansas City, Missouri, with a stop in Raytown. Originally this service provided three morning trips to downtown Kansas City and three afternoon return trips to Lee's Summit during the workweek (Monday through Friday). A fourth trip both ways was added in 2008 to address the increase in ridership.

A portion of the City of Lee's Summit has been designated as an Urbanized Transit Area (UZA) by the Federal Transit Administration. This designation has allowed the City to take advantage of FTA funds to subsidize the annual contract with the KCATA for this service. In total, \$299,579 from the allocation of FTA funds to Lee's Summit will be obligated to the KCATA for the services provided under this Agreement to cover eligible capital and operating costs in 2017. The Lee's Summit FTA Section 5307 Fund allocation balance in 2016 was over \$1,000,000. In addition, state funding is utilized by the KCATA as well as revenue collected at the fare box to further reduce the cost. The City pays for the balance of the service from its Transportation Sales Tax fund.

The KCATA has submitted the proposed contract for the #152 Lee's Summit Commuter Express Service to the City. The service for 2017 will incorporate four large buses for both the morning and afternoon trips, Monday through Friday. The cost for this service for 2016 was \$90,420. The cost for the service for 2017 will be \$93,132. This represents approximately a 3% increase over last year's contract cost for #152 Lee's Summit Commuter Express service. Increased cost is associated with an increase in cost of service (e.g. staff, fuel, and maintenance).

The KCATA has also submitted a proposed management fee of \$7,500 for the administration of a contract between the City of Lee's Summit and OATS. As the designated administrator of Lee's Summit's FTA funds, the KCATA would apply available FTA funding and necessary administrative requirements of the FTA towards the OATS transit services contracted by the City. This administrative fee is part of the demand response transit changes proposed under contract with OATS and was recommended in the most recent Lee's Summit Transit Study to improve demand response transit in Lee's Summit at a reduced cost. The Public Works Committee has reviewed and supported the recommended demand response transit changes associated with OATS and

MetroFlex as well as the continuation of #152 Lee's Summit Commuter Express Service (another Transit Study recommendation).

The total cost of proposed transit services by the KCATA in this agreement is \$100,632.00

A Lee's Summit transit study was completed in 2016. There were no recommended changes to KCATA Route 152 from that study. Additional KCATA fixed bus routes impacting Lee's Summit considered in the study or recommended by other recent transit studies such as the Eastern Jackson County Transit Study would be addressed as new service in separate contracts, as required. This proposed contract for KCATA Route 152 service in 2016 may be amended or discontinued if in conflict at any time.

Impact/Analysis:

The transit program budget (\$277,000) in the approved FY2016 Transportation Sales Tax Fund includes transit costs for KCATA Route #152, KCATA Route #252, and OATS. These KCATA transit contracts are based on the calendar year; spanning parts of this fiscal year and next (the OATS contract is based on the City's Fiscal Year, subject to change). The total proposed 2017 (calendar year) transit program costs to the City of Lee's Summit for KCATA Route #152, KCATA Route #252, and OATS, would be approximately \$220,000. This contract for #152 Lee's Summit Commuter Express service and the KCATA administration fee for OATS contracted service by and between the City of Lee's Summit and OATS is \$100,632 of the estimated \$220,000 total transit program costs to the City in 2017. A one-time local match and use of available Lee's Summit FTA funds would be required to purchase new vehicles in support of the recommended OATS service. The local match for the proposed vehicle purchase is estimated around \$55,000. Total projected 2017 transit costs remain within budget and any discrepancy between contract costs and program funding will be proposed for next fiscal year, including appropriate amendments in the Capital Improvement Plan.

Timeline:

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Finish: ____

Other Information/Unique Characteristics:

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Presenter: Michael Park, City Traffic Engineer

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONTRACT FOR TRANSIT SERVICES BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT, MISSOURI AND THE KANSAS CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (KCATA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,632.00 AND COMMITMENT OF \$299,579.00 OF FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION SECTION 5307 FORMULA FUNDS TO THE KCATA FOR THE #152 - LEE'S SUMMIT COMMUTER EXPRESS SERVICE.

Committee Recommendation: The Public Works Committee voted unanimously 4-0 to recommend to City Council approval of AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONTRACT FOR TRANSIT SERVICES BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT, MISSOURI AND THE KANSAS CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (KCATA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,632.00 AND COMMITMENT OF \$299,579.00

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