



AGENDA REPORT

Library and Community Services

DATE:	May 7, 2024
TO:	Mayor Martinez and Members of the City Council
FROM:	LaShonda White, Deputy City Manager, Community Services Lori Reese, Project Manager II
Subject:	Standard Contract with NOMAD Transit to Expand City-wide Shuttle Service
FINANCIAL IMPACT:	The grant funds awarded from the California State Transportation Agency in the amount of \$3,117,500, in combination with the City's match of \$3,117,500 from the Environmental and Community Investment Agreement (ECIA) Transportation Fund (Fund 1017), will cover the cost of the amended Contract to expand shuttle service to additional areas of Richmond.
PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:	October 17, 2023
STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:	On October 17, 2023, City Council accepted and appropriated grant funds and a grant match totaling \$6,235,000 and approved a sole-source fourth contract amendment with Nomad Transit, LLC (Via) to expand the Richmond Moves shuttle service city-wide. Subsequently, City staff was notified by the grantor that a contract amendment would not be accepted and instead a new contract was required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:	APPROVE a sole-source contract with Nomad Transit, LLC (Via) for expanded city-wide shuttle service through Richmond MOVES, for a not-to-exceed contract limit of \$6,235,000, and a term from March 1, 2024, through July 7, 2027 – Community Services Department (LaShonda White 510-620-6828/Lori Reese 510-620-6869).
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DISCUSSION:

City staff is requesting approval to change the amended contract approved by City Council on October 17, 2023, to a standard contract to meet the grantor’s request (Attachment 1). The scope of work and ending term of the contract will remain the same.

On October 17, 2023, City Council approved the following action to expand transit routes for an existing citywide shuttle service through Richmond MOVES (Attachment 2).

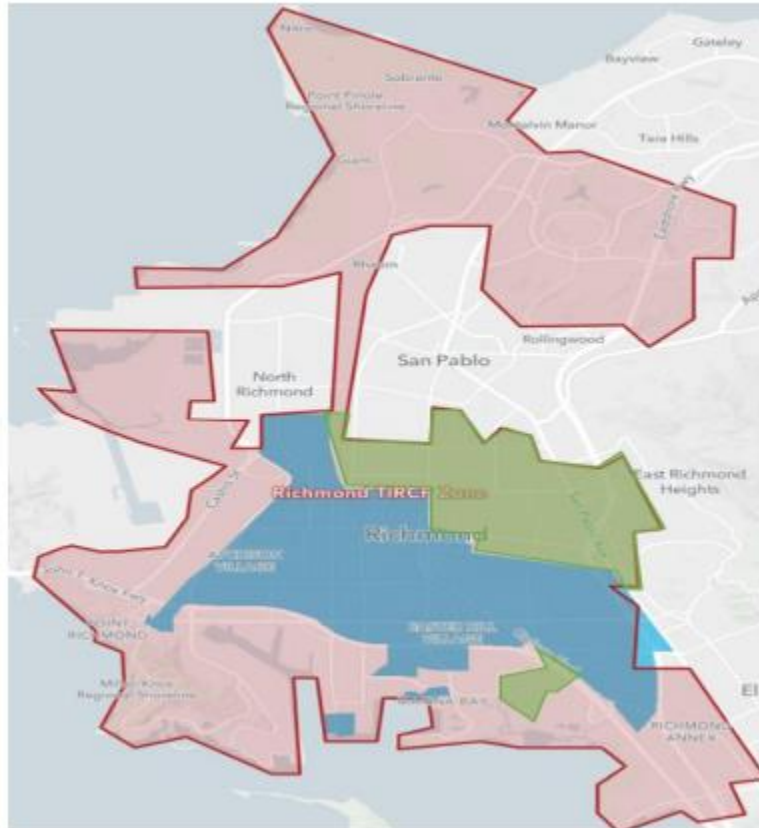
- ADOPT a resolution authorizing the city manager or their designee to enter a master funding agreement with the California State Transportation Agency and fulfill all related grant requirements;
- ACCEPT and APPROPRIATE \$3,117,500 in grant funds awarded by the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program;
- AUTHORIZE and APPROPRIATE a grant match in the amount of \$3,117,500 from the Environmental and Community Investment Agreement (ECIA) transportation budget; and
- APPROVE a sole-source fourth contract amendment with Nomad Transit, LLC (Via) to increase the contract limit by \$6,235,000, for a new total contract limit not to exceed \$8,335,731 and extend the term through July 7, 2027.

The Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) was created by Senate Bill (SB) 862 (Chapter 36, Statutes of 2014) and modified by Senate Bill 9 (Chapter 710, Statutes of 2015), to provide grants from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) to fund transformative capital improvements that will modernize California’s intercity, commuter, and urban rail systems, and bus and ferry transit systems, to significantly reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, vehicle miles traveled, and congestion. Through the six cycles of TIRCP funding, the California State Transportation Agency (CALSTA) has awarded more than \$10 billion in funding to 132 projects throughout the state.

Richmond MOVES

The City of Richmond is expanding the Richmond MOVES program through funding from the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP), along with a 50 percent match from Richmond’s Environmental and Community Investment Agreement (ECIA) Grant Program. This will amount to an additional \$6,235,000 in funding for three years of service (50 percent from TIRCP and 50 percent from ECIA).

Funding will enable Richmond MOVES to expand from what is currently a six square mile zone to a zone that will cover the entire City (see below for the updated service map). Blue indicates the current service zone, green is the Clean Mobility Voucher plus up funded expansion zone, and red is the new TIRCP expansion zone.



The service will still operate Monday-Friday from 7:00am to 7:00pm. In order to provide sufficient coverage for all residents living within the City, funding will be mainly allocated toward increasing the number of vehicle hours and the number of vehicles actively on the road. Vehicles will also be fully electrified and charging infrastructure will be installed to support the service.

The expanded service will offer additional vans to meet the growing ridership demand. Richmond MOVES functions like a shared taxi, where on-demand, convenient and affordable rides are available to Richmond residents. With Richmond experiencing an increasing interest in carpooling and ridesharing, the “Richmond Moves” technology makes it easier to connect and manage people who want to use the service. Utilizing a cloud-based management software gives commuters the tools to carpool with coworkers and neighbors who want to save money and reduce congestion.

Other objectives the service meets:

- The service reduces pollution in Richmond caused by greenhouse gas emissions.

- Commuters who share rides can save big on their monthly transportation costs.
- The service helps participants forge and develop new personal and professional connections.
- People who use the service report lower levels of commute-related stress than solo drivers.
- The service helps reduce commute times by giving access to specialized infrastructure.

The project supports residents in reaching major employer and educational destinations and provides a critical first-mile last-mile connection to regional transit hubs, including BART, Amtrak, and the Richmond Ferry Terminal. The City of Richmond has and will continue to work with community organizations, such as Friends of Richmond, Commission on Aging, Strategic Growth Council, and Richmond Community Foundation to deeply engage low-income and disadvantaged residents.

The delay in bringing this item for City Council approval is due to staffing constraints and staff ensuring that contract language met grantor's requirements. Approval of this contract will allow the continued expansion of the Richmond MOVES program.

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

Attachment 1 – Standard Contract with Nomad Transit, LLC

Attachment 2 – City Council Meeting Minutes from October 17, 2023 (Item P.7.d)

Attachment 3 – Approved Sole Source Nomad Transit, LLC