



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR

January 26, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
Submitted by: Lisa Warhuus, Director, Health, Housing and Community Services
Subject: Contract No. 32000106 Amendment: Easy Does It for Provision of Wheelchair Van Service for Seniors & Disabled

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32000106 with Easy Does It with a new NTE (not to exceed) total amount of \$150,000 for the period April 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023 for the provision of accessible wheelchair van services to clients of the Aging Services Division's Berkeley Rides for Seniors & the Disabled program.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Funding sources for the Easy Does It contract include Measure B and Measure BB Direct Local Distribution funding through the Alameda County Transportation Commission in the following budgets: \$115,000 from Project Code HHAMEB2101, ERMA GL132-51-505-542-2038-000-444 and \$35,000 from HHAMBB2101, ERMA GL Account 136-51-505-542-2038-000-444.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Easy Does It provides lift-equipment accessible wheelchair van service to wheelchair customers enrolled in Berkeley Rides for Seniors & the Disabled program. The service shall include 7 days a week same day and advanced scheduled curb-to-curb, and when necessary, door-to-door and door through door service. Customers are transported to destinations within the City of Berkeley and for those with medical appointments within 15 miles of the jurisdictional boundaries of Berkeley, including Oakland, Richmond, Walnut Creek, San Rafael, Fremont and San Francisco.

BACKGROUND

Easy Does It has been providing lift-equipment accessible wheelchair van service to the City's wheelchair van program customers since 2005. Easy Does It is the only local lift-equipment accessible wheelchair van service provider and provides an essential service to the City's wheelchair customers.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

There are no identifiable environmental effects or opportunities associated with the subject of this report.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Easy Does It provides an essential transportation service to wheelchair-bound Berkeley community members.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

The City could not contract with Easy Does It to provide wheelchair van transportation to senior and disabled community members. This would lead to a significant gap in transportation services that would not be provided to senior and disabled community members in Berkeley.

CONTACT PERSON

Tanya Bustamante, Aging Services Division Manager, HHCS, 981-5178

Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

CONTRACT NO. 32000106 AMENDMENT: EASY DOES IT FOR PROVISION OF
ACCESSIBLE WHEELCHAIR VAN SERVICE FOR SENIORS & DISABLED

WHEREAS, in 2000 Alameda County residents passed Measure B to reauthorize the one-half sales tax for transportation projects that was passed in 1986; and in 2014, Alameda County residents approved Measure BB, authorizing an extension and augmentation of the existing Measure B transportation sale tax; and

WHEREAS, Measure B funds a wheelchair van program that provides a limited number of wheelchair van vouchers exclusively to wheelchair users needing lift-equipment wheelchair accessible van service; and

WHEREAS, Measure B and Measure BB funding for Berkeley Rides for Seniors & Disabled wheelchair van program provided by Easy Does It is available in the FY21 budget: Project Code HHAMEB2101, ERMA GL132-51-505-542-2038-000-444 and HHAMBB2101, ERMA GL Account 136-51-505-542-2038-000-444; and

WHEREAS, Easy Does It provides an average of 890 lift-equipment accessible wheelchair van rides each year to the City of Berkeley's wheelchair customers; and

WHEREAS, Easy Does It has been providing lift-equipment accessible wheelchair van service to the City of Berkeley's wheelchair customers since 2005.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager or her designee is authorized to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32000106 with Easy Does It with a new NTE total amount of \$150,000 for the period April 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023 for the purpose of providing lift-equipment accessible wheelchair van services to the City of Berkeley's wheelchair customers. A record signature copy of said contract and any amendments shall be on file in the office of the City Clerk.

