



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR

April 11, 2023

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: Easy Does It for Provision of Wheelchair Van Service for Seniors & the Disabled

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager, or her designee, to execute a contract and any amendments with Easy Does It in the amount of \$175,000 for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026 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 for the Easy Does It contract will be from Measure BB Direct Local Distribution funds distributed by the Alameda County Transportation Commission. The total amount of the contract will be \$175,000. Funding is subject to appropriation in the FY2024, FY2025, and FY2026 budgets in Measure BB Fund 136.

City of Berkeley receives an annual allocation of Measure BB funds specifically for senior and disabled transportation needs.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Easy Does It provides accessible wheelchair van service to wheelchair customers enrolled in Berkeley Rides for Seniors & the Disabled program. The service shall include 7 day-a-week same-day and advance-scheduled curb-to-curb transportation, and when necessary, door-to-door and door through door service. Customers are transported to destinations within the City of Berkeley and 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. For this reason, staff are recommending a contract with Easy Does It without conducting a competitive process.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

Easy Does It's wheelchair vans have the capacity for more than one wheelchair passenger, thus, passengers can potentially ride-share.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Easy Does It provides an essential, demand-response transportation service to Berkeley community members who use wheelchairs, that enables and enhances independent living. In Fiscal Year 2022, Easy Does It provided almost 800 rides to Berkeley community members with wheelchairs. In the first two quarters of Fiscal Year 2023, Easy Does It provided a total of 600 van rides.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

If the City could not contract with Easy Does It to provide wheelchair van transportation, this would lead to a significant gap in transportation services for senior and disabled community members who use wheelchairs in Berkeley.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

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

CONTRACT: EASY DOES IT FOR PROVISION OF ACCESSIBLE WHEELCHAIR
VAN SERVICE FOR SENIORS AND THE DISABLED

WHEREAS, Berkeley Rides for Seniors and the Disabled is an Aging Services Division transportation services program funded by Measure BB by the Alameda County Transportation Commission; and

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

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

WHEREAS, funding is subject to appropriation in the FY2024, FY2025, and FY2026 budgets in the Measure BB Fund: HHAMBB2301-NonPersonn-Van Voucher-Regular and HHAMBB2301-NonPersonn-Van Voucher-High Medical Need Program.

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 expenditure contract and any amendments or extensions thereto with Easy Does It in the amount of \$175,000 for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026 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.

