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Council Action and Executive Summary

Item # 4

Resolution# 13-081

For Meeting of _____
(Ordinance First Reading Date)

For Meeting of December 17, 2012
(Adoption Date)

Please check box that applies to this item:

QUASI JUDICIAL LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE

TITLE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$48,809.00 TO THE SOUTH CENTRAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (SCCOG) FOR THE OPERATION OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT (SCR TD).

PURPOSE(S) OF ACTION:

To authorize payment.

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|--|---|----------------------------------|
| COUNCIL DISTRICT: N/A | | |
| <u>Drafter/Staff Contact:</u> Tom Murphy | <u>Department/Section:</u> Community Development/ MPO | <u>Phone:</u> 528-3225 |
| <u>City Manager Signature:</u> |  | |

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

The City of Las Cruces has been a member of the SCR TD since its formation in 2006. The SCR TD was formed under a State law (New Mexico Regional Transit District Act, Chapter 73, Article 25, Sections 1-18, NMSA 1978 (2003)) that allows two or more governments to organize in order to provide and coordinate transit services within the shared territory. The SCR TD is comprised of Dona Ana County, Sierra County, Otero County, and 8 municipalities within those counties. In order to reduce administrative burdens the SCCOG has been operating as fiscal agent for the SCR TD until such time that the SCR TD has sufficient revenues to operate independently. Under State law, a regional transit district has the authority to finance, construct, operate, maintain, and promote an efficient, sustainable, and regional multi-modal transportation system. Included in that authority is the ability to request a referendum on the gross receipts tax between 0.0625% and 0.5% for those purposes.

Since its formation, the SCR TD has been funded through a \$250,000.00 startup grant through the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT). The bulk of that funding has been used in identifying transit needs within the region and developing a Service and Financial Plan for the SCR TD. Currently, as the funding from NMDOT is used up, the SCR TD requires interim funding to continue developing transit services. Ultimately, the SCR TD expects to request dedicated funding from the gross receipts through the voters in November 2014. The interim funding is being requested from all eleven governments that comprise the SCR TD. The interim funding is based upon \$0.50 per capita (Las Cruces 2010 Census - 97,618) making the City's portion \$48,809.00. The interim funding will be used for pilot projects such as the Alamogordo-

Las Cruces service that is being operated by Zia Therapeutic Services Inc. The funding will also provide for the administrative needs of the SCRTRD to continue implementing its goals.

As mentioned above the City has been an active participant in the SCRTRD since its inception. Regional transit has the potential to bring many benefits to the City that makes this expenditure a worthwhile investment. As the largest population center in the SCRTRD, the City contains many of the services that are used by residents of the region. Additionally, regional transit will expand the employee pool available to City businesses. If the SCRTRD is successful in its goal for dedicated funding the amount that would be used for RoadRUNNER expansion is estimated to be approximately \$2 million per year (see Attachment "C" for expansion details).

SUPPORT INFORMATION:

1. Resolution.
2. Attachment "A", SCRTRD Resolution date September 26, 2012.
3. Attachment "B", Invoice # SCRTRD-02.
4. Attachment "C", SCRTRD table of proposed expanded RoadRUNNER operations.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

| | | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| Is this action already budgeted? | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | See fund summary below |
| | No | <input type="checkbox"/> | If No, then check one below: |
| | <i>Budget Adjustment Attached</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Expense reallocated from: |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> | Proposed funding is from a new revenue source (i.e. grant; see details below) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | Proposed funding is from fund balance in the Fund. | |
| Does this action create any revenue? | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Funds will be deposited into this fund: _____ in the amount of \$ _____ for FY _____. |
| | No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | There is no new revenue generated by this action. |
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BUDGET NARRATIVE

During the FY13 budget process, a representative of the SCRTRD came to a Council meeting and outlined a potential request for ongoing operational funding. The Council voted to allocate \$50,000.00 for this purpose and this amount was included in the Transit section budget. This Resolution would release this money for the purpose that it was intended.

FUND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:

| Fund Name(s) | Account Number(s) | Expenditure Proposed | Available Budgeted Funds in Current FY | Remaining Funds | Purpose for Remaining Funds |
|--------------|----------------------------|----------------------|--|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Transit | 5920 59323010 772900 | \$48,809.00 | \$50,000.00 | \$1,191.00 | TBD |

OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:

1. Vote "Yes"; this will authorize the City Manager to transfer the funds to the SCCOG which is acting as the fiscal agent for the SCRTD.
2. Vote "No"; this will not authorize the City Manager to transfer the funds and a new purpose must be found for the budgeted amount.
3. Vote to "Amend"; this would be based on Council direction.
4. Vote to "Table"; this will delay action on the matter.

REFERENCE INFORMATION

The resolution(s) and/or ordinance(s) listed below are only for reference and are not included as attachments or exhibits.

1. N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 13-081**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$48,809.00 TO THE SOUTH CENTRAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (SCCOG) FOR THE OPERATION OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT (SCR TD).**

The City Council is hereby informed that:

WHEREAS, the City is an initial member of the SCR TD and a City Councillor represents the City on the SCR TD Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the SCR TD is in its preliminary stage of development and in the need of interim funding to assist operations and administrative needs; and

WHEREAS, the SCCOG is the fiscal agent of the SCR TD; and

WHEREAS, the SCR TD Board of Directors passed a Resolution suggesting a 50 cents per capita assessment for each member of the SCR TD; and

WHEREAS, the City Council anticipated such a request and placed \$50,000.00 in the FY 13 budget for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, Objective 3 of Goal C of the RoadRUNNER Transit Strategic Plan is to "Support regional initiatives and coordination"; and

WHEREAS, interim funding will help the SCR TD develop pilot transit projects such as the Alamogordo to Las Cruces route operated by Zia Therapy Inc. to demonstrate the need for public transportation and the effectiveness of a regional body providing public transportation within the region.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the governing body of the City of Las Cruces:

(I)

THAT the City Manager of the City of Las Cruces is authorized to develop a financial framework to transfer the funds to the SCCOG as fiscal agent for the SCR TD.

(II)

THAT City staff is hereby authorized to do all deeds necessary in the accomplishment of the herein above.

DONE AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2012.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

(SEAL)

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

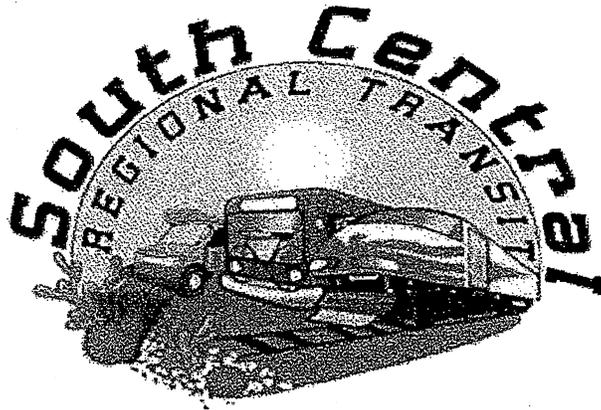
VOTE:

- Mayor Miyagishima: _____
- Councillor Silva: _____
- Councillor Smith: _____
- Councillor Pedroza: _____
- Councillor Small: _____
- Councillor Sorg: _____
- Councillor Thomas: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney



South Central Regional Transit District

Resolution 2012-03

Member Governments Financial Commitments

WHEREAS, the SCRTD was created through legislative enactment (Chapter 65; signed March 21, 2003); and,

WHEREAS, the SCRTD is a sub-division of the State of New Mexico; and;

WHEREAS, the SCRTD was approved and certified by the New Mexico Department of Transportation Commission on the 30th day of November 2006; and;

WHEREAS, the SCRTD is in its infant stage of development and in the need of a interim funding to assist operations and administrative needs in Southern New Mexico and;

WHEREAS, the South Central Council of Governments is the fiscal agent for SCRTD for this Regional Transit Project, and;

WHEREAS, the assessment of .50 cents per resident of each member entity from the 2010 census is the suggested participatory level, and;
South Central Regional Transit District Resolution 2012-03

WHEREAS, preliminary estimates show million's of dollar of regional transit needs, and;

WHEREAS, the SCRTD needs maintain the momentum achieved since March 2012 to present and begin to acquire local funding commitments to sustain the RTD project through the remainder of FY'13.

WHEREAS, the SCRTD is eligible as a governmental entity to receive and expend such local funds, and;

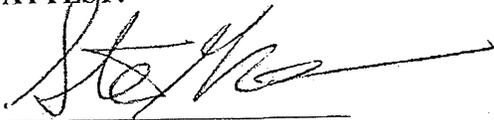
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the SCRTD Board of Directors that the SCRTD Contractor TransCom-LCNM and the Fiscal Agent-SCCOG invoice each member entities in order to maintain the continuity and momentum achieved into FY'13, in addition that this invoice request payment by December 31, 2012.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT ON THIS 26st DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2012.



Chair-Sharon Thomas-City of Las Cruces

ATTEST:



Secretary-Steven Green, Truth or Consequences

*South Central Regional Transit***INVOICE**

South Cental Regional Transit
 P.O. Box 1072/600 Hwy 195, Suite C
 Elephant Butte, NM 87935

10/20/2012

INVOICE # SCRTRD-02

BILL TO:

Robert Garza, City Manager
 City of Las Cruces
 P.O. Box 20000
 Las Cruces, NM 88004

| DESCRIPTION | AMOUNT |
|---|---------------------|
| South Central Regional Transit District Resolution 2012-3 | \$ 48,809.00 |
| TOTAL | \$ 48,809.00 |

Jack L. Valencia
 TransCom-LCNM

**TABLE 7 - 2
SCENARIO II
ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATING EXPENSES
ROADRUNNER / DONA ANA COUNTY**

| DONA ANA COUNTY | ROADRUNNER | FY 2011 | FY 2012 | FY 2013 | FY 2014 | FY 2015 |
|--|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Administration | Fund Regional Coordinator, Technology Coordinator and Service Development | \$180,000 | \$186,300 | \$192,821 | \$199,569 | \$206,554 |
| Local Operations | Add Early Morning Service 5:30AM TO 6:30 AM | \$159,854 | \$165,449 | \$171,240 | \$177,233 | \$183,436 |
| Local Operations | Add Evening Service - 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM | \$479,563 | \$496,348 | \$513,720 | \$531,700 | \$550,310 |
| Local Operations | Reduce AM Peak Headways to 30 minutes from 6:30 AM to 8:30 AM for all local routes | \$319,717 | \$330,907 | \$342,489 | \$354,476 | \$366,882 |
| Local Operations | Reduce PM Peak Headways to 30 minutes from 3:00 PM to 6:00PM for all local routes | \$ 479,563 | \$496,348 | \$513,720 | \$531,700 | \$550,310 |
| Local Operations | Add 3 hours of Saturday service | \$95,913 | \$99,270 | \$102,744 | \$106,340 | \$110,062 |
| Local Operations | Add Sunday service from 8 AM to 6 Pm on all routes | \$255,767 | \$264,719 | \$273,984 | \$283,573 | \$293,499 |
| Total Administration and Local Operations | ROADRUNNER | \$1,970,377 | \$2,039,340 | \$2,110,717 | \$2,184,592 | \$ 2,261,053 |