

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**

99-151

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

APRIL 5, 1999

Construction of the Center Street Park and Ride Facility is substantially complete, and it opened for parking on April 1. Staff has negotiated a service agreement with MTA for the shuttle bus service, which will operate from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday to shuttle passengers who park in this facility through the downtown core area.

SUBJECT:

SHUTTLE
CONTRACT FOR
PARK AND RIDE
FACILITY

FISCAL IMPACT -

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

The proposed budget for the current fiscal year (FY), which will cover from April 1 through June 30, is \$74,400. The proposed budget for FY1999-2000 is \$276,750. The cost of the shuttle service will be paid from the operating revenues of the Park and Ride Facility, and is included in the Operating Budget for the facility, Organization ENG100707, "Park and Ride Operations."

SUBMITTED BY:

FLOYD BENTZ
ACTING CITY
ENGINEER

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval of the Agreement with Metropolitan Transit Authority for operation of the shuttle service for the Center Street Park and Ride Facility.

BACKGROUND -

On April 28, 1997, by Roll Call No. 97-1549, the City Council approved an Intergovernmental 28E Agreement with the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) which established the responsibilities of both MTA and the City for the construction and operation of the Intermodal Transportation Facility, now known as the Center Street Park and Ride Facility. The City has the responsibility to construct, own, operate, and maintain the facility, and maintain separate accounting for all revenues and

costs of the facility. MTA has the responsibility to serve as the grant recipient of federal funds used in construction, and also to purchase and operate the shuttle buses pursuant to a service contract with the City.

On June 16, 1997, by Roll Call No. 97-2036, the City Council approved a contract with Taylor Ball, Inc. for the construction of the facility, located between 6th Avenue and 7th Street, from Center Street to Crocker Street. Construction of this 1,815 space parking facility is substantially complete, and it opened for parking on April 1. Demand for parking in the facility has been very high, and it is essentially all leased for monthly parking.

The Park and Ride Facility is a new concept in parking for the City, with several significant differences from the other Municipal Parking Facilities. The Park and Ride Facility is located several blocks north of the Central Business District, with no Skywalk connection. Persons parking in the facility will be able to ride a free shuttle bus system that will deliver them to their downtown destination. The facility will also provide a childcare center, to further enhance its convenience and attractiveness to downtown workers and other parking patrons.

In compliance with the 1997 agreement with the MTA, staff has negotiated a service agreement with MTA for the shuttle bus service. According to the terms of this agreement, MTA has purchased and will operate a total of six buses for the shuttle. The shuttle will operate between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. MTA will submit an annual shuttle service operating budget to the City, subject to the approval of the City Manager. The proposed budget for the current fiscal year, which will cover from April 1 through June 30, is \$74,400. The proposed budget for FY1999-2000 is \$276,750. The cost of the shuttle service will be paid from the operating revenues of the Park and Ride Facility, and is included in the operating budget for the facility.

The City will be responsible for all maintenance of the shuttle station and the remainder of the Park and Ride Facility. The maintenance and operation of the Park and Ride Facility will be done by the City's parking system operator, Central Parking System of Iowa, Inc., under a contract amendment approved by the City Council on January 25, 1999, by Roll Call No. 99-253.

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