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**CITY OF TEMPE**  
**REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**Council Meeting Date: 01/12/2017**  
**Agenda Item: 5C6**

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**ACTION:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an intergovernmental agreement between the Regional Public Transportation Authority and City of Tempe for the purchase and supply of Dial-a-Ride and mobility services. (Resolution No. R2017.06)

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Net cost to Tempe is estimated to be \$241,598. Gross cost of Tempe's Dial-a-Ride and mobility programs is \$1,519,870. Funding sources include: Regional Proposition 400 funding (\$1,053,490, 69.3%), federal funds (\$16,700, 1.1%), fare revenue (\$208,082, 13.7%), and Tempe Transit Tax funds (\$241,598, 15.9 %). Sufficient funding for Tempe's local share has been appropriated in the Transit Fund (cost center 3914) as part of the fiscal year 2016-17 adopted budget.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt Resolution No. R2017.06.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The five-year Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) provides funding for three distinct programs that provide transportation choices to Tempe seniors and residents with disabilities.

1. **Dial-a-Ride Services** (Tempe Transit Tax and Proposition 400 Funded). This service provides Tempe residents with city-wide and regional Dial-a-Ride services for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) certified users and senior citizens. Fiscal year 2015-16 ridership was 43,200; an 8.5% increase from the previous year. The cost per trip of \$23.36 and was 8.7% higher than in fiscal year 2014-15. The Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA) allocates \$1,053,490 in Proposition 400 funds on Tempe's behalf to fund ADA Dial-a-Ride. Tempe's programmed gross cost for Dial-a-Ride service in fiscal year 2016-17 is \$1,381,155, which is 26% higher than fiscal year 2015-16. The increase is due to an 8.1 % forecasted ridership growth, longer trip lengths and increased contractual costs. Offsetting revenue include: Proposition 400 funding for ADA eligible trips (\$1,053,490), fare revenue (\$189,382) and Tempe local funds (\$138,283).

2. **RideChoice Transportation Program** (Tempe and Federally Funded) This Valley Metro program provides taxi subsidy for seniors and persons with disabilities in the East Valley. Participation by Tempe's residents decreased by 9.7% in fiscal year 2015-16 with 6,164 trips provided compared to 6,827 in fiscal year 2014-15 at a net cost of \$16.71 per trip. Tempe's programmed cost for RideChoice in fiscal year 2016-17 is \$138,715; a 13.7% decrease over fiscal year 2015-16. The decrease is due to the expected decrease in participation by Tempe residents. Offsetting revenues include: Passenger fares (\$18,700), federal grant funds (\$16,700) and Tempe local funds (\$103,315). The program offers Tempe seniors and persons with disabilities a convenient and cost-effective alternative to Dial-a-Ride.

3. **Platinum Pass Program** (Proposition 400 Funded) The ADA Platinum Pass Program allows free use of fixed route bus and light rail for ADA certified Tempe residents. Participation in the ADA Platinum Pass Program reduces East Valley Dial-A-Ride (EVDAR) operational costs by encouraging ADA certified passengers to use bus and rail service in-lieu of ADA East Valley Dial-a-Ride services. The total estimated expense is \$24,000, and is funded by Proposition 400 regional allocation, which results in no direct expense to the city.

Proposition 400 ADA funding stipulates that up to \$1,053,490 of regional Proposition 400 funding is allocated to Tempe for ADA eligible trips taken during fiscal year 2016-17.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Resolution and Intergovernmental Agreement.

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