



CITY COUNCIL
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CONSENT CALENDAR

July 15, 2003

TO: Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

FROM: Councilmember Linda Maio

SUBJECT: Purpose of Berkeley's Paratransit Program

RECOMMENDATION:

Schedule a briefing to Council by the Commission on Aging and Commission on Disability regarding the purpose of Berkeley's Paratransit Program.

BACKGROUND:

City staff has asked the Commission on Aging and the Commission on Disability to provide input, and to be a conduit for community input, on how Berkeley's Paratransit Program should operate on less money. The discussions have reached a sticking point related to the original intent of the program. It seems that even if Commissioners could agree upon Council's original intent, they would not have a definitive answer because the program has evolved over time. It would be helpful to have Council clarify whether Berkeley's Paratransit Program is intended to benefit: (1) all Berkeley residents who are disabled and/or elderly, (2) those Berkeley residents who are disabled and/or elderly, living in households with lower than median income, or (3) some other group. If some other group, the Commissioners should be given a definition of the group to be served by Berkeley's Paratransit Program.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None.

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