



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR  
October 23, 2007

To: PK Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: PK Phil Kamlarz, City Manager

Submitted by: Claudette Ford, Director, Public Works

Subject: Contract No. 6475 Amendment: City CarShare for Development of a Pilot Accessibility Program

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend Contract No. 6475 with City CarShare for the development of a pilot Accessibility Program, including the acquisition of a wheelchair accessible vehicle, increasing the contract by \$25,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$438,000 for the period August 1, 2004 to June 30, 2009.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

In March 2007, the National Organization on Disability (NOD) awarded Berkeley its *Most Accessible City in the U.S.* award, which included a \$25,000 cash award from NOD and the United Parcel Service. The City received the award check and it was deposited into the City's General fund. The expenditure allocation for the \$25,000 is included in the first amendment to the Annual Appropriation Ordinance set for October 23, 2007 (budget code 010-4920-431-3038).

The City's Commission on Disability has recommended that the City provide these one-time funds to City CarShare to develop a pilot Accessibility Program. Any additional cost of the program beyond \$25,000 will be borne by City CarShare. Any accessible vehicle purchased by City CarShare with these funds will become part of the City CarShare fleet and will not be a City of Berkeley fleet vehicle.

The CMS number is MQP3R.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The acquisition of a fully accessible vehicle into the City CarShare fleet would be the first of its kind in the country. Currently, users with disabilities can use a hand-control conversion kit to operate City CareShare fleet vehicles. The lack of a wheelchair accessible vehicle makes it more difficult or impossible for City employees and members of the public who have disabilities to access carsharing vehicles.

### BACKGROUND

In August 2004, the City of Berkeley entered into Contract No. 6475 with City CarShare to provide City employees access to shared vehicles dedicated for work-related trips during standard working hours and to employees and the public on evenings and weekends. The contract for the period August 1, 2004 through June 30, 2007 is for an amount not to exceed \$413,000. The contract was extended on June 30, 2007 to June 30, 2009. As of September 2007, there are 184 registered City employees and five fleet vehicles.

### RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

By providing these funds to City CarShare, the City will be able to expand the availability of wheelchair accessible vehicles to its employees and the public. The pilot Accessibility Program includes the following: 1) provision of a wheelchair accessible vehicle as part of the City of Berkeley car sharing fleet program; 2) outreach to various paratransit companies, community groups and others who would benefit from membership to use the vehicle for special transportation needs; and 3) modification of City CarShare's web-based system, as needed, to accommodate a special-use program.

### ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

The City's Commission on Disability reviewed two proposals regarding expending the \$25,000, and recommended that the award funds be provided to City CarShare to develop a pilot Accessibility Program.

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### Attachments:

1: Resolution

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

CONTRACT AMENDMENT: CONTRACT 6475 WITH CITY CARSHARE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PILOT ACCESSIBILITY PROGRAM

WHEREAS, City CarShare provides City employees access to shared vehicles dedicated for work-related trips during standard working hours, and to employees and the public on evenings and weekends; and

WHEREAS, the National Organization on Disability (NOD) awarded Berkeley its Most Accessible City in the U.S. award, which included a \$25,000 award from NOD and the United Parcel Service; and

WHEREAS, the City's Commission on Disability has recommended awarding the funds to City CarShare to develop a pilot Accessibility Program that includes the following: 1) provision of a wheelchair accessible vehicle as part of the City of Berkeley car sharing fleet program; 2) outreach to various paratransit companies, community groups and others who would benefit from membership to use the vehicle for special transportation needs; and 3) modification of its web-based system, as needed, to accommodate a special-use program; and

WHEREAS, the City's Public Works Department Transportation Division is prepared to carry out the program, in conjunction with City CarShare; and

WHEREAS, the \$25,000 will be appropriated through the first amendment to the Annual Appropriation Ordinance in October 2007 and be placed in expenditure code 010-4920-431-3038; and

WHEREAS, the additional program cost beyond \$25,000 will be borne by City CarShare.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Berkeley authorizes the City Manager to amend Contract No. 6475 with City CarShare for the development of a pilot Accessibility Program, including the acquisition of a wheelchair accessible vehicle, increasing the contract by \$25,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$438,000 for the period August 1, 2004 to June 30, 2009.

