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Agenda Item No: REP 71-13

To: City Council
From: City Manager and Staff

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Council Meeting Date: May 20, 2013

Re: Columbia Transit Supporting Transportation Needs for Special Olympics 2013

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Staff has prepared for Council consideration a report concerning a request from Special Olympics Missouri for transportation services during the "Special Olympics, Missouri; State Summer Games" to be held May 30 through June 2, 2013. Some of the transportation needs will be met with available assets from visiting athletic teams.

DISCUSSION:

Special Olympics Missouri (SOMO) first approached the City in the spring of 2012 regarding transportation service between venues for their summer games. The request for specific shuttle service would constitute a "Charter Service", and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant recipients are prohibited from providing charter services using federally funded equipment, unless it can be demonstrated through a public bid process that there is no one in the private sector able or willing to provide the service.

After consultation with FTA officials, it was determined that the only apparent option would be to temporarily expand the City's regular transit service by adding temporary routes, which accommodates the request. This allows the city to define this as a public service available to anyone in the public, instead of a charter service restricted only to participants in an event. SOMO wishes to provide a similar service to last year's routes for the 2013 games.

Based on discussions with the event organizers, two transit vehicles and drivers are needed to supplement transportation arrangements already in place (see attached map for the two routes in question). There will be two buses operating on each route, cycling in opposite directions. Due to the level of assistance needed, staff believes that buses and drivers can be provided. The total cost to operate the route is \$4,850, and Special Olympics Missouri (SOMO) will reimburse the City.

The route will operate the following dates and times:

May 30th - 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. - Campus Loop 1
May 31st - 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. - Campus Loop 1
June 1st - 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. - Bowling Loop 2
June 2nd - 7:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Bowling Loop 2

This route is free at the farebox, and entirely open to the public. The SOMO organization has agreed to advertise and market this route as such, as they market the entire event to the community.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Because SOMO has agreed to reimburse the City for all operating expenses, the net fiscal expense to the Transit system is \$0.

VISION IMPACT:

<http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/Council/Meetings/visionimpact.php>

None

SUGGESTED COUNCIL ACTIONS:

If the City Council wishes to accommodate the request, it is suggested that a motion be made authorizing the City Manager to temporarily expand the public transit system on May 30 through June 2, 2013 in a manner determined best suited to meet public needs for the Special Olympics Missouri Summer Games and to waive ridership fees for passengers using the temporarily expanded services.

FISCAL and VISION NOTES:					
City Fiscal Impact Enter all that apply		Program Impact		Mandates	
City's current net FY cost	\$0.00	New Program/ Agency?	No	Federal or State mandated?	No
Amount of funds already appropriated	\$0.00	Duplicates/Expands an existing program?	No	Vision Implementation impact	
Amount of budget amendment needed	\$0.00	Fiscal Impact on any local political subdivision?	No	Enter all that apply: Refer to Web site	
Estimated 2 year net costs:		Resources Required		Vision Impact?	No
One Time	\$0.00	Requires add'l FTE Personnel?	No	Primary Vision, Strategy and/or Goal Item #	
Operating/ Ongoing	\$0.00	Requires add'l facilities?	No	Secondary Vision, Strategy and/or Goal Item #	
		Requires add'l capital equipment?	No	Fiscal year implementation Task #	

