

Public Hearing: 6-23-14

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FACT SHEET

TITLE: StarTran/UNL Agreement for Innovation Campus Bus Service.

BOARD/COMMITTEE: NA

APPLICANT: StarTran - PW/U and UNL

RECOMMENDATION: NA

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: For

OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED:
NA

SPONSOR: Public Works/Utilities

OPPONENTS: NA

REASON FOR LEGISLATION:

StarTran has provided bus service for UNL since 1994. StarTran and UNL desire to expand this service to include Innovation Campus service between city and east campuses.

DISCUSSION/FINDINGS OF FACT:

History:

Public transit service has been operating between city and east campus since 1926. Currently StarTran operates 8 buses during the fall & spring semesters; 4 weekdays 6:40A-5:40P and 4 weekdays 7:00A-9:00P, and 7:00A-6:10P in summer and between semesters with no fare to students, faculty & staff.

Agreement Results In:

* No changes in any current service.

* StarTran to add 4 buses for this Innovation Campus service, operating Monday-Friday only, as follows: 8/24/2015 - 8/14/2020 1 bus operating 7:30A-6:30P, during the academic term, and 1 bus operating 7:30A-6:30P, during the summer and between academic terms with no fare to students, faculty & staff, both to operate between east campus and innovation campuses.

8/24/2015 - 5/2/2020 2 buses operating 7:30A-6:30P, during the academic term only, no summer service, between city campus and innovation campuses.

* UNL to pay...

-All StarTran "Cost of Service" costs, which includes all operating, repair, maintenance, fuel, installed equipment, capital, finance, administration, and all other costs related to the operation of these buses providing service between city & east campus to innovation campus.

* 5 year agreement, beginning August 24, 2015, Cost of Service to be paid by UNL totaling about \$4,145,870 for the 5 years (see yearly charges on Page 2 of agreement), with the understanding if costs of the equipment exceeds the estimate, those costs will be included in the costs paid by UNL, if agreed upon with 30 days advance notice. Options to reduce service, and if done so, to reinstate services are covered on Page 3 of agreement).

Advantages to City:

- * Opportunity to expand transit services and gain additional ridership with no City general fund cost.
- * Continues to enhance our transit relationship with UNL and reinforces UNL student current and future utilization of public transit.

Advantages to UNL:

- * Provides complementary transportation to innovation campus from both the city and east campuses.

POLICY OR PROGRAM CHANGE: Addition of 4 buses and associated costs for service to Innovation Campus from both the city and east campuses.

OPERATIONAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT: UNL to pay all “Cost of Service” operating & capital expenses.

COST OF TOTAL PROJECT: \$4,145,870*

RELATED ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS: \$431,873.00* first year
(see page 2 of agreement for future years)

SOURCE OF FUNDS:

CITY: None

NON CITY: UNL to pay all “Cost of Service” expenses (operating & capital costs).

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* See Page 3 of Agreement for any allowed adjustment figures.