

TO: James L. App, City Manager
FROM: Mike Compton, Director of Administrative Services
SUBJECT: Budget Appropriation for Bus Stop Shelters
DATE: March 1, 2005

Needs:

For the City Council to consider approval of a \$10,000 appropriation for two bus shelters.

Facts:

1. The City has received requests from homeowners in the Sierra Bonita area to add a shelter to the City installed bench and trash receptacle already in place.
2. Additionally, the current shelter on Stoney Creek Road is in poor condition and can not be repaired. Public Works maintenance staff have recommended its replacement.
3. The Council's ad hoc committee met January 21, 2005 and recommended that the shelters be purchased immediately rather than be considered during upcoming budget deliberations.
4. The ad hoc transit committee also requested that staff investigate the availability and cost to install solar lighting on existing shelters.

Analysis

and

Conclusion:

The Council's ad hoc transit committee, Mayor Frank Mecham and Councilman Duane Picanco met to discuss various transit issues. One of the items on their meeting agenda was bus stop improvements. They and other members of the Council have received requests to install a shelter at the bus stop in Sierra Bonita.

There is a slight pricing discount to purchase two to five shelters rather than a single shelter. Thus, given the need to replace the shelter on Stoney Creek Road, this budget appropriation request is for two bus shelters, a replacement for Stoney Creek Road and a new installation in Sierra Bonita. The ad hoc committee recommended that staff bring the appropriation request for the shelters to the Council sooner rather than later.

The ad hoc committee also raised concerns relative to the lack of lighting at City bus stops. The ad hoc committee asked staff to investigate the cost of installing solar lighting at all City installed shelters. The vendor who manufactures the City shelter may also provide solar lighting kits in either fluorescent or LED mode. The cost for either is approximately the same, \$1,700 per shelter. The fluorescent option

provides more illumination but utilizes more electricity. The LED option provides less illumination but requires less electricity and maintenance. Should the Council desire to move forward with installing kits in City installed shelters, the cost would be approximately \$17,000 for all ten City installed shelters (the green metal structures) plus staff time.

Lastly seven existing stops meet the City's criteria for bench and trash receptacle installation. The estimated cost, excluding installation, is \$11,700. Staff will be submitting a budget appropriation request for consideration during the current budget cycle.

Fiscal
Impact:

The cost to add one new shelter and replace an existing shelter is \$9,800 excluding staff time and any installation materials. There is currently sufficient reserves in the Transit Operations Fund.

The ad hoc committee did not make a recommendation relative to solar lighting. They requested that staff investigate the availability and cost of solar lighting for shelters.

Staff, as noted above, will be submitting a budget appropriation request for seven new bench and trash receptacle installations for consideration during upcoming budget deliberations as well as the solar lighting kits. Deferral until budget deliberations will provide Council and staff the opportunity to measure these costs against the resources needed for street and road needs.

Options:

- a. Adopt Resolution No. 05-xxx approving a budget appropriation in the amount of \$10,000 from the Transit Operations Fund to purchase two bus shelters; or
- b. Amend, modify, or reject the above option.