

**TO:** James L. App, City Manager  
**FROM:** Jim Throop, Administrative Services Director  
**SUBJECT:** North County Transportation Center Parking Expansion and Storage Unit Demolition  
**DATE:** May 21, 2013

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**NEEDS:** For the City Council to consider expansion of on street diagonal parking at the North County Transportation Center (NCTC).

- FACTS:**
1. The North County Transportation Center at 800 Pine Street serves as the hub for the City's Transit operations, and also as a stop for several other transportation providers, including RTA, Greyhound and Amtrak, with over 110 buses arriving at the NCTC daily.
  2. Commuters and travelers frequently park at the NCTC during the day of for longer periods. The NCTC and the area immediately to the south, around Robbins Field, include designated Park-and-Ride areas.
  3. The City owns the vacant storage units to the south of the NCTC. Due to the aging of the structure and previous misuse by renters, these units are no longer being rented. The storage unit structure could be demolished and additional parking put in its place.
  4. The San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) is currently facilitating a study on Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and expansion of Park-and-Ride capacity is recommended in the study. SLOCOG has already expressed enthusiastic support for this project concept.
  5. Engineering service would be retained to design the new parking area
  6. A surplus of TDA funds, beyond that needed to fund transit operations is expected in both the current fiscal year and FY 13/14. These surpluses, as much as \$500,000, will be sufficient to fund the project. SLOCOG may provide additional resources.

**ANALYSIS & CONCLUSION:** Approving storage structure demolition and parking expansion can be paid from Transit funds.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Preliminary estimates are \$250,000. The demolition and Park and Ride Improvements would be paid for with the City's Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds, and additional funding may be provided by SLOCOG. The City's General Fund will not be impacted.

- OPTIONS:**
- a. Authorize staff to engage engineering services to design the demolition and parking expansion. or
  - b. Amend, modify, or reject the above option.