



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR  
May 12, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager

Submitted by: Scott Gilman, Director, Health, Housing, and Community Services

Subject: Contract No. 32300207 Amendment: Easy Does It for Accessible Wheelchair Van Services for Seniors & the Disabled

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to amend Contract No. 32300207 with Easy Does It increasing the amount by \$57,000 for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$232,000. These services support accessible wheelchair van services to customers of the Aging Services Division's Berkeley Rides for Seniors & the Disabled program.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Funding for the Easy Does it contract will be from Measure BB direct local distribution funds distributed by the Alameda County Transportation Commission. Funding in the amount of \$57,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2027 (FY 2027) budget in Measure BB (Fund 136).

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The City of Berkeley has had a Measure BB funded contract with Easy Does It since 2005. Contract No. 32300207 is set to expire on June 30, 2026. The contract with Easy Does It will allow Berkeley Rides for Seniors & the Disabled (BRSD) to continue to provide same-day and prescheduled rides for the City of Berkeley's senior and disabled wheelchair users.

Contract No. 32300207 has a waiver of competitive solicitation at the time the contract was issued. Easy Does It was the only local organization providing on-demand lift-equipped accessible wheelchair van service 7 days a week for BRSD consumers. The City intends to release an RFP for these services during the second quarter of the fiscal year.

BACKGROUND

BRSD is a supplemental transportation program that currently provides no cost taxi, accessible wheelchair and GoGo (Uber/Lyft) rides to eligible Berkeley seniors and disabled residents. Eligible Berkeley residents must be 70 years old or older. Residents registered with East Bay Paratransit services may be any age.

Easy Does It provides accessible wheelchair van service to wheelchair customers enrolled in BRSD. The service includes 7 day-a-week, same-day and advance-scheduled curb-to-curb transportation, and when necessary, door-to-door and door-through-door service. Customers are transported to destinations within the City of Berkeley and within 15 miles of the jurisdictional boundaries of Berkeley, including Oakland, Richmond, Walnut Creek, San Rafael, Fremont and San Francisco.

Effective January 1, 2026, local agencies are required to satisfy noticing requirements for certain contracts for services that meet the criteria outlined in Government Code Section 3504.1 as amended by AB 339. This contract does not meet the criteria in Government Code Section 3504.1 and is exempt from the noticing requirement.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no identifiable environmental effects or opportunities associated with the subject of this report.

#### RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Easy Does It provides an essential transportation service to wheelchair-bound City of Berkeley community members, supporting and strengthening their ability to live independently. BRSD continues to receive demand from wheelchair users for affordable and accessible wheelchair transportation services.

#### ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

If the City of Berkeley does not contract with Easy Does It to provide wheelchair van transportation, there would be a resulting gap in affordable and accessible transportation services for wheelchair bound senior and disabled community members in the City of Berkeley.

#### CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

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

CONTRACT NO. 32300207 AMENDMENT: EASY DOES IT FOR ACCESSIBLE  
WHEELCHAIR VAN SERVICE FOR SENIORS AND THE DISABLED

WHEREAS, Berkeley Rides for Seniors and the Disabled is an Aging Services Division transportation services program funded by Measure BB by the Alameda County Transportation Commission; and

WHEREAS, Measure BB funds an accessible wheelchair van program that provides transportation exclusively to wheelchair users needing lift-equipment wheelchair accessible van service; and

WHEREAS, the City Council approved Contract No. 32300207 with Easy Does It on April 11, 2023, for a not to exceed amount of \$175,000 for a term from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2026, via Resolution No. 70,755-N.S., and

WHEREAS, this contract is exempt from the noticing requirements set forth in Government Code Section 3504.1; and

WHEREAS, funding is available for FY 2027 in Fund Measure BB (Fund 136).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to amend Contract No. 32300207 with Easy Does It increasing the amount by \$57,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$232,000 for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. A record signature copy of said contract and any amendments shall be on file in the office of the City Clerk.

