



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR

June 9, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager

Submitted by: Scott Ferris, Director, Parks, Recreation, & Waterfront Department

Subject: Contract No. 32300202 Amendment: Vol-Ten Corp Bus Service for Echo Lake Camp and Recreation Division Programs

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32300202 with Vol-Ten Corporation DBA: Delta Charter Bus to provide charter bus transportation services for Echo Lake Youth Camp and other summer Recreation Division programs by adding \$140,000 for a new not to exceed amount of \$539,000.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

On May 23, 2023, City Council adopted Resolution No. 70,854-N.S., authorizing a 3-year contract with Vol-Ten Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$399,000. Given the costs of fuel and labor, the current contract funds have been exhausted, and an additional \$140,000 in contract authority is needed to support program needs through the summer. This funding is available in the FY26 budget and in the proposed FY27 budget subject to appropriation, in the Camps Fund (Fund 125) and General Fund (Fund 011).

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The City of Berkeley Echo Lake Youth Camp, Teen Weekend, Pre-K Camping Trip, and several Recreation Division summer camp program field trips offer bus transportation as part of the programs. Contracted Transportation Services advances the Strategic Plan goal to be a global leader in addressing climate change, advancing environmental justice, and protecting the environment

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 project does not meet the criteria in Government Code Section 3504.1 and is exempt from the noticing requirement.

BACKGROUND

In March 2023, the City conducted a Request for Proposal process for Charter Bus Transportation Services for Echo Lake Camp and Select Recreation Division Summer Programs and more than 30 vendors were invited to submit proposals. Staff determined

that Vol-Ten Corporation's proposal best meets the needs of the City. Additional authority is needed for the remaining life of the contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

By providing bus transportation to and from camp the number of cars on the road is reduced as are carbon emissions.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Vol-Ten Corporation was determined to be a responsive and responsible bidder to the Request for Proposal for bus service for the City's charter bus transportation for Echo Lake Camp and other Recreation Division program needs and additional time is left on the current contract. Due to operational need, additional authority is needed for operations and is in the best interest of the City due to current market volatility in fuel costs.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

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

CONTRACT NO. 32300202 AMENDMENT: VOL-TEN CORPORATION DBA: DELTA CHARTER BUS FOR CHARTER BUS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR ECHO LAKE CAMP AND SELECT RECREATION DIVISION SUMMER PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the Parks Recreation & Waterfront Department provides bus transportation services for Echo Lake and Teen Camp programs; and

WHEREAS, on May 23, 2023, City Council adopted Resolution No. 70,854-N.S., authorizing approved a 3-year contract with Vol-Ten Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$399,000; and

WHEREAS, due to fuel and labor costs, contract funding has been exhausted and an additional \$140,000 in contract authority is needed to support program needs through the summer; and

WHEREAS, funding in the amount of \$140,000 is available in the FY 2026 and proposed FY 2027 budgets subject to appropriation in the Camps Fund (Fund 125) and General Fund (Fund 011); and

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32300202 with Vol-Ten Corporation LLC for Charter Bus Services for Echo Lake Camp and select Recreation Division programming in an amount of \$140,000 for a new not to exceed amount of \$539,000 with no change in the expiration date of the original contract.

