GILBERT A. LIVAS
City Manager and Emergency Services Director

EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4
AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF DOWNEYLINK AND DIAL-A-RIDE FARE COLLECTION FOR RIDERS IN THE CITY OF DOWNEY

RECITALS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article II, Chapter 4, Part 4 of the Downey Municipal Code, Section 2434(a) (1) and Government Code Section 8630(a), the City Manager acting as the Director of Emergency Services is authorized to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a public emergency when the City is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the City Council is not in session;

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease that may result in serious illness or death and is easily transmissible from person to person and poses conditions of extreme peril to the public health and safety of persons; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health on March 16, 2020 issued a Health Officer Order prohibiting all indoor and private gatherings and all outdoor public and private events of no more than 50 people and later updated its Health Officer Order on March 21, 2020 prohibiting all indoor and outdoor gatherings and events, and requiring all businesses to cease in-person operations and close to the public, unless the business is defined as an Essential Business; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the City Manager acting as the Director of Emergency Services proclaimed the existence of a Local Emergency within the City of Downey, which was ratified by the City Council on March 24, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on May 29, 2020, the County of Los Angeles announced the State's approval of the County's plan to move further into "Stage 2" of the State's "Resiliency Roadmap"; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles County announced that the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in the County as of July 13, 2020 was approximately 140,636 with 3,763 deaths and that the County continues to see a high number of cases; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 therefore has and will continue to cause conditions of peril to the health, safety, and welfare of persons and property in the City of Downey; and

WHEREAS, On July 14, 2020, the County of Los Angeles issued a revised Health Officer Order, "Safer at Work and in the Community for Control of COVID-19" prohibiting indoor operations of various businesses, in order to comply with the Statewide Public Health Officer Order that was issued on July 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City's current DowneyLink Fares are $.50 per trip and $15 per 30-Use Bus Pass as set annually by the City of Downey – Citywide User Fee Schedule; and

WHEREAS, the City's current Dial-A-Ride Fare is $.50 per trip; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to assist local patrons who have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic by temporarily suspending DowneyLink and Dial-A-Ride fare collection for riders; and

WHEREAS, this action is necessary to help alleviate the unexpected financial burden being experienced by patrons who depend on the City's Transit system to transport them to and from essential business and work; and

WHEREAS, this action will also help further enhance COVID-19 mitigation measures by limiting interactions between operators and passengers during trips; and

WHEREAS, the following COVID-19 protocols are place to mitigate the spread of the virus:

- Buses are deep clean and wiped down every night,
- Bus Operators are provided before each shift gloves, hand sanitizer, and wipes to be use during their shift on high touch areas such as railings, seats, etc.,
- All bus operators and passengers are required to wear masks,
- All boarding's are only thru the back door of the bus,
- Passenger capacity was set to 15 passengers for DowneyLink to ensure social distancing,
- Passenger capacity was set to 7 passengers for cutaway buses for Dial-A-Ride to ensure social distancing; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager acting as the Director of Emergency Services is authorized to promulgate orders and regulations necessary to provide for the protection of life and property; and to further promote economic recovery of the community.

As the Director of Emergency Services pursuant to Downey Municipal Code Section 2433(a) and by the powers vested in me by Downey Municipal Code Section 2434, I hereby issue the following order:

1. Temporarily suspend DowneyLink and Dial-A-Ride fare collection for riders.

2. This Emergency Order No. 4 is effective immediately until the City Council terminates the Local Emergency. This Order may be terminated sooner by order of the Director of Emergency Services or the City Council.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Director of Emergency Services

Gilbert A. Livas
City Manager

8/19/20
Date

4:00pm
Time