



COUNTY OF SONOMA

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SUMMARY REPORT

Agenda Date: 5/13/2025

To: Board of Supervisors

Department or Agency Name(s): Sonoma County Public Infrastructure

Staff Name and Phone Number: Johannes J. Hoevertsz, 707-565-2550

Vote Requirement: Majority

Supervisorial District(s): Countywide

Title:

FY 2025-26 Transit Services Agreement - Mendocino Transit Authority

Recommended Action:

Approve and authorize the Director of Public Infrastructure to execute the proposed agreement with Mendocino Transit Authority (MTA) to provide transit services in the northern coastal area of Sonoma County for a not-to-exceed amount of \$180,000 for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

Executive Summary:

Since the early 1980s, MTA has provided transit service on behalf of Sonoma County Transit to the coastal communities of Point Arena, Gualala, The Sea Ranch, Jenner, Bodega Bay and Bodega. Two daily trips are provided. The morning eastbound route begins in Point Arena and connects residents in these remote communities with destinations in Sebastopol and Santa Rosa, returning them to the coast in the afternoon via the westbound route. The requested action provides for continuation of these services in fiscal year 2025-26.

Discussion:

The recommended agreement provides for continued support for Sonoma Coast transit services provided by MTA for fiscal year 2025-26. MTA's Route 95 provides daily service that originates in Point Arena and travels Highway 1 through Gualala, The Sea Ranch, Jenner and Bodega Bay, then continues east to Bodega, Sebastopol and Santa Rosa, serving the Downtown Santa Rosa Transit Mall, Coddington Shopping Center and the Sonoma County Airport. MTA's Route 95 primarily serves coast area residents as it travels into Santa Rosa in the morning and returns to the coast in the afternoon.

The agreement allows for reimbursement to MTA in a not to exceed amount of \$180,000. Each county (Sonoma and Mendocino) contributes a percentage of the operations deficit for Route 95 based on ridership. The operations deficit represents MTA's operating costs less passenger fares. Sonoma County's contribution percentage is 56%. Route 95 is a long-established service that has been supported by Sonoma and Mendocino counties since the 1980s. Funding participation by the two counties provides for a cost-effective means of providing daily transit service within one of the most rural areas of Sonoma County.

It should be noted that MTA is not requesting a funding increase this fiscal year. Sonoma County's funding

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commitment remains at \$180,000 for FY 2025-26.

Funding for this agreement is included in the Recommended FY 2025-26 Transit Division budget and is consistent with Sonoma County Transit's FY 2025-26 funding claim with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC).

Strategic Plan:

N/A

Racial Equity:

Was this item identified as an opportunity to apply the Racial Equity Toolkit?

No

Prior Board Actions:

05/14/24 - Board approved FY 2024-25 agreement in the amount of \$180,000

05/09/23 - Board approved FY 2023-24 agreement in the amount of \$180,000

05/10/22 - Board approved FY 2022-23 agreement in the amount of \$180,000

FISCAL SUMMARY

Expenditures	FY24-25 Adopted	FY25-26 Projected	FY26-27 Projected
Budgeted Expenses		\$180,000	
Additional Appropriation Requested			
Total Expenditures		\$180,000	
Funding Sources			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal		\$180,000	
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
General Fund Contingencies			
Total Sources		\$180,000	

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

Total costs of the proposed Agreement are estimated at \$180,000, for the County's portion of operating costs not recuperated by passenger fares. Appropriations will be included in the Recommended FY 2025-26 Transit Division Budget and will be funded with Transportation Development Act (TDA) and State Transit Assistance

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(STA) funds as requested in the annual coordinated claim.

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

None.

Attachments:

Agreement

Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:

None.