



## Legislation Text

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**Department or Agency Name(s):** Sonoma Public Infrastructure - Transit Division

**Staff Name and Phone Number:** Johannes J. Hoevertsz, 707-565-2231

**Vote Requirement:** Majority

**Supervisorial District(s):** Countywide

**Title:**

FY 2023-24 Transit Services Agreement - Mendocino Transit Authority

**Recommended Action:**

Authorize the Director of Public Infrastructure to execute the proposed agreement with Mendocino Transit Authority 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, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

**Executive Summary:**

Since the early 1980's, the Mendocino Transit Authority 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 2023-24.

**Discussion:**

The recommended agreement provides for continued support for Sonoma Coast transit services provided by Mendocino Transit Authority for fiscal year 2023-24. Mendocino Transit Authority's Route 95 provides daily service that originates in Point Arena and travels Highway 1 thru 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. Mendocino Transit Authority'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 Mendocino Transit Authority 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 Mendocino Transit Authority'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 1980's. 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

commitment remains at \$180,000 for FY 2023-24, the same as FY 2022-23.

Funding for this agreement is included in the Recommended FY 2023-24 Transit Division budget and is consistent with Sonoma County Transit’s FY 2023-24 funding claim with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

**Strategic Plan:**

N/A

**Prior Board Actions:**

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

05/11/21 - Board approved FY 2021-22 agreement in the amount of \$177,200

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>FY 22-23 Adopted</b>	<b>FY23-24 Projected</b>	<b>FY 24-25 Projected</b>
Budgeted Expenses		\$180,000	
Additional Appropriation Requested			
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b>\$180,000</b>	
<b>Funding Sources</b>			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal		\$180,000	
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
Contingencies			
<b>Total Sources</b>		<b>\$180,000</b>	

**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 were included in the Recommended FY 2023-24 Transit Division Budget and will be funded with Transportation Development Act and State Transit Assistance 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.