



Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

Department or Agency Name(s): Transportation and Public Works - Transit

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Vote Requirement: Majority

Supervisory District(s): Countywide

Title:

FY 2022-23 Transit Services Agreement - Mendocino Transit Authority

Recommended Action:

Approve and authorize Chair to execute an 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, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Executive Summary:

The Department of Transportation and Public Works, Transit Division, is requesting authorization to execute an 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, 2022 through June 30, 2023. 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. 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 proposed Agreement would provide for continuation of these services through fiscal year 2022-23.

Discussion:

Mendocino Transit Authority's Route 95 provides two daily service trips that originate in Point Arena and travel Highway 1 through Gualala, The Sea Ranch, Jenner and Bodega Bay, then continue 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 proposed Agreement would allow reimbursement to Mendocino Transit Authority for 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.

Funding for this agreement was included in the Recommended FY 2022-23 Transit Division budget and is consistent with Sonoma County Transit's FY 2022-23 funding claim with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

Strategic Plan:

N/A

Prior Board Actions:

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

FISCAL SUMMARY

Expenditures	FY 21-22 Adopted	FY22-23 Projected	FY 23-24 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			
Contingencies			
Total Sources		\$180,000	

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

Total costs under 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 2022-23 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):

N/A

Attachments:

Agreement

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

None.