

COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: May 8, 2018

Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk Published Notice Required Advertised Published Notice Meet & Confer Required Electronic file(s) has been sent Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes N/A Yes N/A	
CONTACT PERSON: Celeste Perez PHONE: (559) 624-7010		

SUBJECT: 2017/2018 Transit Agreement with the City of Visalia

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1. Approve a 2017/2018 Transit Agreement with the City of Visalia, in the amount of \$264,458 for the City to provide transit service to County of Tulare residents, retroactive from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. This agreement is retroactive because of ongoing negotiations with and obtaining authorized signatures from the City. It was impractical for the board to take action before July 1, 2017 due to the time needed to process final fiscal year 2017 financial results, prepare, and submit the agenda item; and
- 2. Find that the Board had authority to enter into the proposed agreement as of July 1, 2017, and that it was in the County's best interest to enter into the agreement on that date: and
- 3. Authorize the Chairman to sign the Agreement.

SUMMARY:

This is an annual agreement with the City of Visalia for the City to provide transit service for citizens of local unincorporated areas in the Visalia service area. These County residents can be best served by the City of Visalia transit service. As a result, the County has agreed to reimburse the City of Visalia for extending service to include unincorporated areas adjacent to the City and provide public transit to County residents in those areas.

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In fiscal year 2017/2018 an estimated 4.5% of fixed route trips will serve County residents in the adjacent unincorporated areas. This represents approximately 80,000 riders. The County share of the City of Visalia cost for the service in fiscal year 2017/2018 has been calculated to be \$264,458. In 2016/2017, the County's contribution for this service was \$324,350.

Demand/Route Service	\$222,279
Facility Lease	\$ 42,179
Total Payment	\$264,458

The change in cost from the City of Visalia in 2017/2018, was due to mostly to the elimination of the County's funding agreement for the GreenLine Call Center. The City indicated they had found an alternative funding source for the Call Center.

The only changes from the 2016/2017 contract are changing the term of the agreement from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, changing the dollar amount provided from the City of Visalia under this agreement to \$264,458, and incorporating clarifications recommended by County Counsel.

Execution of this agreement was delayed beyond July 1, 2017, because of ongoing contract negotiations with the City of Visalia.

Please note This agreement has been approved as to form by County Counsel. The following terms deviate substantively from the standard County boilerplate:

Mutual Indemnification - Both parties to the agreement agree to indemnify the other.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There is No Net County costs to the General Fund. The County's share of the net operating cost of the transit service under this agreement will be \$264,458. This agreement allows Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) to redistribute a portion of the County's Local Transportation Fund (LTF) and/or State Transit Assistance Funds (STA) to the City of Visalia for this service.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

This coordinated transit system provides quality service to County and City residents in the Visalia Area. The Strategic Business Plan Initiatives, under the Safety and Security section, calls for improvement and maintenance of transportation infrastructure. This service addresses that initiative.

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ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

Sherman Dix

Assistant Director - Fiscal

Reed Schenke, P.E.

Director

rs:rm

Cc:

Auditor-Controller

County Counsel

County Administrative Office (2)

Attachment(s) Attachment A - Agreement

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

NSIT) Resolution No) Agreement No)
OR, SECONDED BY
OLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD
IAL MEETING HELD <u>May 8, 2018,</u> BY THE
MICHAEL C. SPATA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/ CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Deputy Clerk
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ority to enter into the proposed agreement as of in the County's best interest to enter into the

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Attachment "A"

Agreement

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- 3. **Management-City**. The City shall manage the City transit system in an appropriate manner, insuring cost effective operation, including marketing the system in a professional manner and collecting fares from riders on the City transit system.
- 4. **Compensation**. The County shall compensate the City for service to County residents living in the herein agreed upon service area during the term of the Agreement. Compensation shall be limited to a percentage of the operating costs of the City's Transit System. The term "operating cost" as used in this Agreement shall be defined as all costs in the operating expense object classes of the Uniform Systems of Accounts for Public Transit Operators adopted by the State Controller pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 99243.

Compensation for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, will be as follows:

Demand Response/Route Service

County portion of costs \$ 222,279 Facility Lease \$ 42,179

Total Payment

\$ 264,458

- 5. **Authorization of Payment**. FTA Section 5307 Funds will be claimed by the City on the County's behalf. The County by this Agreement authorizes the Tulare County Association of Governments to transfer \$264,458 of State Transit Assistance Funds, and /or Local Transportation Funds (LTF) from the County's 2017/18 Apportionment to the City of Visalia's Apportionment. The County further authorizes the City to claim said \$264,458 as full payment for services under this Agreement. In case of termination of this Agreement prior to June 30, 2018, the County agrees to compensate the City for a proportional amount of the sum of \$264,458 based upon the number of days the services were provided by the City during a 365 day period.
- 6. FTA Funds. Per the 2000 Census, the Visalia Urbanized Area, as set forth in Exhibit "A", has a population of 120,044; 91,220 (76.0%) of which are City of Visalia residents, and 10,963 (9.1%) of which are County residents, and 9,124 (7.6%) of which are Exeter residents, and 8,737 (7.3%) of which are Farmersville residents. The Visalia Urbanized Area is eligible to receive Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Funds from Section 5307. The City of Visalia will be the claimant of these funds. The City will, at the request of the County, claim and transmit up to 9.1% of said funds for use by the County for eligible purposes under FTA Section 5307. In no case shall the amount transmitted or credited to the County exceed 9.1% of the total available. Any Section 5307 Funds which are to be transmitted to the County shall be handled under a separate agreement.

7. **Renegotiation**. In the event a contract between the Federal Transit Administration and the City of Visalia is not executed by June 30, 2018 for the Section 5307 Funds specified in paragraphs 4, 5 and 6, this contract will be renegotiated to reflect this condition.

- 8. **Drivers**. The parties shall require that all transit drivers meet all licensing requirements of the State of California.
- 9. Indemnification-City. City shall hold harmless, defend and indemnify County, its agents, officers and employees from and against any liability, claims, actions, costs, damages or losses of any kind, including death or injury to any person and/or damage to property, arising out of the activities of City or its agents, officers and employees under this Agreement, and any claims made against City alleging civil rights violations by County under Government Code section 12920 et seq. (California Fair Employment and Housing Act). This indemnification specifically includes any claims that may be made against County by any taxing authority asserting that an employer-employee relationship exists by reason of this Agreement. This indemnification obligation shall continue beyond the term of this Agreement as to any acts or omissions occurring under this Agreement or any extension of this Agreement.
- 10. Indemnification-County. County shall hold harmless, defend and indemnify City, its agents, officers and employees from and against any liability, claims, actions, costs, damages or losses of any kind, including death or injury to any person and/or damage to property, arising out of the activities of County or its agents, officers and employees under this Agreement, and any claims made against County alleging civil rights violations by City under Government Code section 12920 et seq. (California Fair Employment and Housing Act). This indemnification obligation shall continue beyond the term of this Agreement as to any acts or omissions occurring under this Agreement or any extension of this Agreement.
- 11. Insurance-Liability. The City and the County shall each provide comprehensive general public liability and comprehensive automotive liability insurance with single limit coverage of not less than \$5,000,000 or equivalent self-insurance covering their activities under this Agreement. Prior to commencing operations, each party shall file with the Clerk of the other party certificates of insurance evidencing the coverage required herein and naming the other party, its officers, agents and employees as additional insureds. Such certificates shall state that the named additional insureds are not responsible for the payment of any premium or assessment and shall provide that in the event of a cancellation or material change of policy, the insurer shall give the named additional insureds no less than thirty (30) days advance written notice of such cancellation or change. Upon request,

each party shall provide the other with a complete copy of the insurance policy or policies or evidence and terms of self-insurance as required herein.

The parties agree, during the term of the Agreement, to maintain at their own expense (or require of their independent contractors) all necessary insurance for their respective officers, employees, and agents, including but not limited to workers' compensation, disability and unemployment insurance in accordance with state statutory requirements and to provide certificates of such insurance or other evidence of compliance to the other party upon request. The insurance, and evidence thereof, required by this Agreement may be provided either directly by the parties or, if a party contracts with an independent contractor/operator to provide the services required by this Agreement, by the operator of that party's system as deemed appropriate by such party.

- 12. **Term of Agreement**. This Agreement shall become effective July 1, 2017 and shall continue in full force and effect until June 30, 2018 unless terminated earlier, as herein provided.
- 13. **Termination**. The right to terminate this Agreement under this provision may be exercised without prejudice to any other right or remedy to which the terminating party may be entitled at law or under this Agreement.
 - (a) Without Cause. Either party shall have the right to terminate this Agreement without cause by giving the other party SIXTY (60) days prior written notice of its intention to terminate pursuant to this provision, specifying the date of termination.
 - (b) <u>With Cause</u>. This Agreement may be terminated by either party should the other party:
 - (i) be adjudged a bankrupt, or
 - (ii) become insolvent or have a receiver appointed, or
 - (iii) make a general assignment for the benefit of creditors, or
 - (iv) suffer any judgment which remains unsatisfied for 30 days, and which would substantively impair the ability of the judgment debtor to perform under this Agreement, or
 - (v) materially breach this Agreement.

For any of the occurrences except item (v), termination may be effected upon written notice by the terminating party specifying the date of the termination. Upon a material breach, the Agreement may be terminated following the failure of the defaulting party to remedy the breach to the satisfaction of the non-defaulting party within FIVE (5) days of written notice specifying the breach. If the breach is not

remedied within that FIVE (5) day period, the non-defaulting party may terminate the Agreement on further written notice specifying the date of termination.

If the nature of the breach is such that it cannot be cured within a FIVE (5) day period, the defaulting party may, submit a written proposal within that period which sets forth a specific means to resolve the default. If the non-defaulting party consents to that proposal in writing, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, the defaulting party shall immediately embark on its plan to cure. If the default is not cured within the time agreed, the non-defaulting party may terminate upon written notice specifying the date of termination.

- (c) <u>Effects of Termination</u>. Termination of this Agreement shall not terminate any obligations to indemnify, to maintain and make available any records pertaining to the Agreement, to cooperate with any audit, to be subject to offset, or to make any reports of pre-termination contract activities.
- 14. **Notices**. Any notices to be given shall be written and served either by personal delivery or by first class mail, postage prepaid and addressed as follows:

County: Director of Transportation Resource Management Agency 5961 S. Mooney Blvd. Visalia, CA 93277

Transit Manager City of Visalia 425 E. Oak Ave. Visalia, CA 93291

City:

- 15. **Integration**. This Agreement constitutes the sole and only Agreement between the parties hereto as to the services to be provided hereunder. Any prior agreements, promises, negotiations or representations as to such services not expressly referred to herein are of no force and effect.
- 16. **Modification**. The City and County shall furnish each other thirty (30) days prior written notice of any and all recommended service level and fare level changes. The City shall request and receive approval from the County Director of Transportation prior to any changes in service levels or fare levels in unincorporated areas of the service area. Except for said changes, this Agreement shall be modified or amended only with the prior written consent of both parties.
- 17. **Assignment**. Neither party shall assign or transfer any of the rights or privileges or any parts thereof of this Agreement without the other party's prior written consent.

- 18. Records. Each party agrees to maintain all books, records, documents, and other evidence pertaining to this Agreement, any disputes surrounding the subject matter of this Agreement, and any other related circumstances in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and practices. Each party shall allow the other party's agents or representatives access to such records for inspection, audit, and copying during normal business hours. Each party shall provide further facilities for such access and inspection.
- 19. **Surveys**. Either the City or the County may conduct periodic ridership surveys. Said surveys shall not interfere with the operation of the system.
- 20. **Legal Operation**. City and County each shall carry out its obligations under this Agreement in full compliance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations.
- 21. **Construction**. This Agreement reflects the contributions of both parties and accordingly the provisions of Civil Code section 1654 shall not apply to address and interpret any uncertainty.
- 22. **Governing Law**. This Agreement shall be interpreted and governed under the laws of the State of California without reference to California conflicts of law principles. Any litigation arising out of this Agreement shall be brought in Tulare County California. City waives the removal provisions of California Code of Civil Procedure Section 394.
- 23. Conflict with Laws or Regulations/Severability. This Agreement is subject to all applicable laws and regulations. If any provision of this Agreement is found by any court or other legal authority, or is agreed by the parties, to be in conflict with any code or regulation governing its subject, the conflicting provision shall be considered null and void. The remainder of the Agreement shall continue in full force and effect.
- 24. **Headings**. Section headings are provided for organizational purposes only and do not in any manner affect the scope, meaning or intent of the provisions under the headings.
- 25. **No Third Party Beneficiaries**. Unless specifically set forth, the parties to this Agreement do not intend to provide any other party with any benefit or enforceable legal or equitable right or remedy.
- 26. Waivers. The failure of either party to insist on strict compliance with any provision of this Agreement shall not be considered a waiver of any right to do so, whether for that breach or any subsequent breach. The acceptance by either party of either performance or payment shall not be considered to be a waiver of any preceding breach of the Agreement by the other party.
- 27. **Exhibits and Recitals**. The Recitals and the Exhibits to this Agreement are fully incorporated into and are integral parts of this Agreement.

1	28. Further Assurances. Each page	arty agrees to execute any additional documents and
2		be reasonably required to effect the purposes of this
3	Agreement.	To The State of t
4	29. Assurances of Non-Discrimi	ination. City and County expressly agree not to
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6		prohibited by state or federal law or regulation.
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8	IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties h	nave caused this Agreement to be executed as of the
9	date first above written.	have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the
10	date inst accord written.	
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15 16		Chairman, Board of Supervisors
17	ATTEST:	"COUNTY"
18	County Administrative Officer/	
19	Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.	
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