



**RESOURCE  
MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
COUNTY OF TULARE  
AGENDA ITEM**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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**AGENDA DATE:** July 30, 2019

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**SUBJECT:** Approve Proposed Tulare County Area Transit Southeast County Service Changes to Routes 60, 70, 80 & 90 and Lindsay Dial-A-Ride

**REQUEST(S):**  
That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve proposed route changes to TCaT Routes 60, 70, 80, and 90; and
2. Approve proposed service changes to TCaT Lindsay Dial-A-Ride; and
3. Authorize the Resource Management Agency Director and/or his designee to implement the proposed service changes beginning August 5, 2019.

**SUMMARY:**  
The Tulare County Area Transit (TCAT) public transit system was initiated by the County of Tulare in 1981. TCAT provides rural transit services between, in, and around various cities and communities within the County. These services include rural fixed routes, local Dial-A-Ride, Loop Bus and Special Services operations. TCaT also provides transit services for the City of Lindsay, for which the City reimburses the County for its respective share of the transit service cost.

TCaT Routes 40, 60, 70, 80, and 90 serve the Southeast County, including the Cities of Lindsay and Porterville and the communities of Plainview, Woodville, Poplar, Cotton Center, Terra Bella, and Springville.

Recently, a few events occurred which caused transit staff to look into modifying the services to the Southeast County. First, Orange Belt Stages discontinued one of their

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service lines which had provided service to the community of Ducor, leaving the community without public transit options. Second, the South County Detention Facility was built and deputies requested that TCaT extend service to the facility. Third, staff began to look at implementing alternative service options in the City of Lindsay to increase service without significantly increasing costs.

To accommodate these conditions, staff propose several changes to Lindsay Dial-A-Ride and Routes 60, 70, 80 & 90. First, the current Route 60 would be combined with Route 90, as it will be more user friendly for riders to understand the schedule. Route 90 would also add stops at the South County Detention Facility and in the community of Strathmore but would reduce service to the City of Lindsay and would eliminate the last express run of the day. Route 80 would also stop in Ducor.

Routes 60, 70, 80, and 90 currently are interlined, meaning all of these routes are served by one bus which switches between routes throughout the day. As such, changes to one route will generally impact timing on all of these routes. The proposed changes to route times will shift runs on these routes by up to a half hour throughout the day.

Lindsay Dial-A-Ride, which currently operates 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM, will now operate as a Dial-A-Ride from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM, which reflect current peak hours for demand response service in the City. The same bus will then serve as a fixed route service from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM and 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM following a loop throughout the City of Lindsay. This allows the bus to increase service to the community without significantly increasing costs. Further, ADA cardholders may request route deviations from the bus during fixed route service so paratransit services will not decrease as a result of the proposed change. The new fixed route service through the City of Lindsay will be named Route 60.

The proposed plan includes input from stakeholders, riders, and the public. Staff previously discussed these proposed changes with City of Lindsay staff, Porterville Transit staff, and our operations contractor, MV Transportation. Further, City of Lindsay is scheduled to consider these proposed impacts at their July 25, 2019 meeting. Staff have also held outreach meetings at the Lindsay Wellness Center, the Porterville Senior Center, and Sequoia Dawn in Springville on June 12, 2019 to discuss impacts from the proposed changes to riders, who were very supportive of the proposed changes. Staff also conducted on-bus outreach several times during the month of June to discuss the proposed changes and their impacts on riders, who were also supportive of the changes.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

There will be no net County cost to the General Fund.

Total costs for the proposed changes are estimated at \$10,000. These costs are primarily from increased miles and fuel use for the Lindsay Dial-A-Ride bus. These cost increases will be funded by a corresponding increase in transit funds from the City of

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Lindsay through the annual transit funding agreement. Proposed changes to Routes 60, 70, 80 and 90 will involve negligible changes in revenue hours, revenue miles, and fuel use because proposed increases are offset by corresponding decreases to the same.

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

This program links to Strategic Initiative 1: Safety and Security includes the goal of improving and maintaining adequate transportation infrastructure. The proposed action meets this initiative by promoting the use of public transit among County residents and modifying existing services to better serve county residents.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

*FOR*   
\_\_\_\_\_  
Reed Schenke, P.E.  
Director

RS:rm

cc: County Administrative Office

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE )  
PROPOSED TULARE COUNTY AREA ) Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_  
TRANSIT SOUTHEAST COUNTY SERVICE )  
CHANGES TO ROUTES 60, 70, 80 & 90 )  
AND LINDSAY DIAL-A-RIDE )

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, SECONDED BY  
SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD JULY 30, 2019, BY  
THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JASON T. BRITT  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/  
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

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