



**November 8, 2018**

**To:** Transit Committee

**From:** Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

**Subject:** Amendment to Cooperative Agreements with Non-Profit Agencies to provide Senior Mobility Program Services

**Overview**

The Senior Mobility Program is designed to offer transportation alternatives to seniors in addition to local fixed-route, paratransit, or the OC ACCESS service. Four non-profit agencies participate in the Senior Mobility Program and receive funding from local sources other than Measure M2. The current funding agreements with these four agencies require amendments to include fiscal year 2018-19 funding in order to continue the service.

**Recommendations**

- A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 5 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-1-2490 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Abrazar, Inc., in the amount of \$87,556, to provide funding through June 30, 2019.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 6 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-1-2491 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Korean American Senior Association, in the amount of \$107,643, to provide funding through June 30, 2019.
- C. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 4 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-1-2492 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Southland Integrated Services, Inc., formerly doing business as Vietnamese Community of Orange County, in the amount of \$94,649, to provide funding through June 30, 2019.

- D. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 4 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-1-2493 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Jewish Federation and Family Services, in the amount of \$94,649, to provide funding through June 30, 2019.

### ***Background***

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) established the Senior Mobility Program (SMP) in 2001 to help expand transportation services for seniors. The SMP was funded with Transportation Development Act funds from 2001 through 2011. On November 7, 2006, Orange County voters approved the renewal of Measure M (M2), the one-half cent sales tax for transportation improvements. M2, Project U, includes funding to support specialized transportation programs for seniors and persons with disabilities, including the SMP. One percent of net M2 revenues is allocated to the SMP and distributed via formula to participating Orange County cities. The formula is based upon each city's population of residents age 60 and older.

To date, 31 cities have implemented SMP services within their cities. In addition to the city-initiated programs, four local non-profit agencies also operated SMP services before M2 became the primary funding source for SMP and have been grandfathered into the program. These agencies provide trips to seniors who live in unincorporated county areas or trips that cross city boundaries, but do not qualify for M2 funding because the programs are run by local non-profit agencies, not local jurisdictions. OCTA has continued to support these four SMP programs using other local transit funding because of the significant transportation benefit provided to the community.

### ***Discussion***

The four non-profit agencies participating in SMP include Abrazar, Inc.; Korean American Senior Association; Southland Integrated Services, Inc., formerly doing business as the Vietnamese Community of Orange County; and Jewish Federation and Family Services. Since the inception of M2, these four non-profit agencies have provided over 247,564 trips and received \$2,400,160 in funding. Although they are not eligible to receive M2 funding, they comply with all SMP guidelines and have continued to received funding from OCTA to provide a key link in the transportation network.

The funding provided for these programs is based on the anticipated number of trips for each fiscal year (FY). As with funding provided to participating cities for SMP, OCTA funds 80 percent of the trip cost and the organizations must provide

at least a 20 percent match. Collectively, these programs provide more than 30,000 trips to seniors within Orange County annually. The current funding agreements with these four non-profit agencies require periodic (annual) amendments to provide funding for the subsequent year.

In order to preserve these services and support OCTA's goal under M2, Project U, to expand mobility choices for seniors and persons with disabilities, staff seeks Board of Directors (Board) approval for the necessary amendments to provide the funds to continue these services through June 30, 2019. The estimated annual local funding allocation for these programs is \$384,497 per year and has been included in the FY 2018-19 budget.

#### **Fiscal Impact**

These projects were approved in OCTA's FY 2018-19 Budget, Operations Division, Account 0030-7831-D1502-PDK, 0030-7831-D1502-PDW, 0030-7831-D1502-SS5, 0030-7831-D1502-PEE, and through the local transportation funds.

#### **Summary**

In order to continue SMP services provided by four non-profit agencies to provide more than 30,000 trips annually, staff recommends the Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate necessary amendments to the existing agreements. These amendments will continue services through June 30, 2019.

***Attachments***

- A. Non-Profit Agency Funding Projections, Fiscal Years 2018-19 to 2020-21
- B. Abrazar, Inc., Cooperative Agreement No. C-1-2490 Fact Sheet
- C. Korean American Senior Association, Cooperative Agreement No. C -1-2491 Fact Sheet
- D. Southland Integrated Services, Inc., formerly doing business as Vietnamese Community of Orange County, Cooperative Agreement No. C-1-2492 Fact Sheet
- E. Jewish Federation and Family Services, Cooperative Agreement No. C-1-2493 Fact Sheet

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