



**June 14, 2018**

**To:** Transit Committee

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

**Subject:** Cooperative Agreement with the Regional Center of Orange County

### **Overview**

The Orange County Transportation Authority has had a long-standing revenue agreement with the Regional Center of Orange County to share in the cost of providing paratransit service to Regional Center of Orange County consumers. The current agreement expires June 30, 2018, and a new agreement is required.

### **Recommendation**

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-8-1735 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the Regional Center of Orange County, in the amount of \$7,435,155, for a term of two years, effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020, with two, two-year option terms, to share in the cost of paratransit services provided to Regional Center of Orange County consumers.

### **Discussion**

The Regional Center of Orange County (RCOC) is responsible, under the Lanterman Act, to assist people with developmental disabilities. The Lanterman Act establishes an entitlement to services and support for persons with developmental disabilities and their families to maximize opportunities for quality living and integration into the community. As part of these services, the RCOC is responsible for coordinating and funding/sponsoring transportation for its consumers. The RCOC purchases a variety of transportation services for consumers, including the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) fixed-route bus passes, ACCESS service, and privately contracted paratransit services.

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, OCTA is permitted to negotiate trip rate for social service agencies or other organizations for trips guaranteed to the organization. RCOC and OCTA have been engaged in a cost-sharing arrangement since 2003 for ACCESS transportation services provided to RCOC consumers traveling to and from a variety of RCOC rehabilitation or work programs. The current revenue agreement expires June 30, 2018, and a new agreement is required to continue the cost-sharing partnership. Staff is proposing an agreement with an initial term of two years, with two, two-year option terms.

OCTA provided an estimated 490,000 trips in fiscal year (FY) 2017-18 to RCOC consumers and will provide an estimated 500,000 trips in each of the next two fiscal years. This accounts for 35 percent of all ACCESS trips provided by OCTA. Under the terms of the cooperative agreement, RCOC consumers receive subscription service, which provides an established travel schedule and eliminates the need to reserve rides within the one- to three-day advance reservation window, and also eliminates the need for RCOC consumers to provide a cash fare or coupon when boarding. OCTA records all ACCESS trips received by RCOC consumers and submits a monthly invoice with comprehensive trip data to RCOC, which assists RCOC in meeting its reconciliation and reporting requirements for the State of California.

The current cooperative agreement includes a negotiated per person per one-way trip rate for service provided to RCOC consumers. The current per trip rate is \$5.86. Under the terms of the new agreement, the per person per one-way trip rate will be adjusted to \$6.93 for the first year, July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, of the agreement, and will be adjusted to \$8.00 for the second year of the agreement. If an option term is exercised, the per trip rate may be increased each year based on the Consumer Price Index. In addition, the per person per one-way trip rate may be renegotiated if the fare structure for ACCESS service is modified. Estimated fare revenue collected by OCTA through this cooperative agreement for the initial term is \$7.4 million.

#### **Fiscal Impact**

The estimated reimbursement associated with Cooperative Agreement No. C-8-1735 is included in the revenue projections for the proposed OCTA FY 2018-19 Budget, Transit, Contract Transportation Services, Account 0030-5246-D4714-SD1.

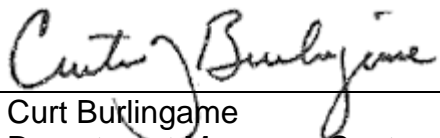
***Summary***

Staff recommends the Board of Directors authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-8-1735 with RCOC, in the amount of \$7,435,155, for a cost-sharing arrangement for the provision of paratransit service to RCOC consumers.

***Attachment***


None.

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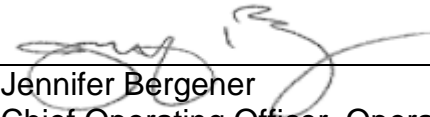
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