



May 13, 2021

To: Transit Committee

From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: Cooperative Agreements with Agencies Participating in the Measure M2 Senior Mobility Program

Overview

The Measure M2 Senior Mobility Program provides funding to eligible cities to provide transit services that best meet the needs of their senior communities. Cooperative agreements with cities and non-profit agencies participating in the Senior Mobility Program expire June 30, 2021. To continue providing funding to support Senior Mobility Program services, new agreements are required which will continue the Senior Mobility Program for an additional five-year initial term with one, five-year option term.

Recommendations

- A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute cooperative agreements with 32 cities and three non-profit agencies participating in the Senior Mobility Program.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-1-3259 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the non-profit agency Abrazar, Inc., in the amount of \$82,248 to provide funding through June 30, 2022.
- C. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-1-3260 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the non-profit agency Korean American Senior Association of Orange County, in the amount of \$101,116 to provide funding through June 30, 2022.
- D. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-1-3261 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the non-profit agency Southland Integrated

Services, Inc., in the amount of \$88,910, to provide funding through June 30, 2022.

Background

The Measure M2 (M2) Project U – Senior Mobility Program (SMP) provides funding to support local, community-based transportation services for seniors. The SMP was originally established in 2001 using limited state funding for bus operations. In 2011, M2 Project U SMP funding was established to continue and expand the existing program. A formula funding allocation was established for all Orange County participating cities and eligible agencies based on their senior population age 60 years and older as determined by the most recent census. Through Project U, one percent of net Measure M2 (M2) revenues is provided bimonthly to 32 participating cities to support local senior transportation services. The M2 SMP expands transportation options for Orange County seniors and provides approximately 250,000 trips annually.

To ensure compliance with the M2 Ordinance No. 3, the SMP Funding and Policy Guidelines (SMP Guidelines) were established and approved by the Orange County Transportation Authority's (OCTA) Board of Directors (Board) on February 14, 2011 (Attachment A). The SMP Guidelines are updated as needed, with the most recent updates adopted by the Board on November 26, 2018.

Consistent with prior Board actions, there are also three non-profit agencies included in the SMP. These non-profit agencies are funded with non-M2 local funds but are managed according to the M2 Guidelines to ensure consistency. These non-profit agencies provide senior transportation that crosses city boundaries and is not provided by any city participating in the SMP. The funding allocation established for these programs is based on anticipated annual trip volume. Collectively, these non-profits provide more than 20,000 trips to seniors annually. In addition to new agreements to continue these three programs, amendments to continue to fund these three agencies with local funds will be brought to the Board for consideration annually during the term of the new agreements.

The 32 participating Orange County cities and three non-profit agencies design a transportation program that best suits the needs of the seniors in their community. All participants must provide a minimum 20 percent local match of the annual program expenditures.

Discussion

All 35 SMP cooperative agreements will expire on June 30, 2021. Board approval is required to authorize the execution of new cooperative agreements with SMP cities and non-profits, which will include a five-year initial term, with one five-year option term. The annual projected funding (Attachment B and Attachment C) will be used to augment the funding sources currently in place.

SMP Guidelines require all program participants to submit a service plan to OCTA. The service plan describes their program and the types of trips that will be provided. To ensure compliance with SMP Guidelines when developing the service plan, program participants must indicate the type of trips provided, specific destinations for social/recreational trips, and if they intend to provide medical trips outside Orange County. Service plans (Attachment D) must be approved by the city manager or non-profit official representative.

All SMP service plans have been reviewed by staff to ensure compliance with SMP Guidelines. The service plans will be incorporated as an attachment to all SMP cooperative agreements. A summary of the services provided by all agencies is provided as Attachment E.

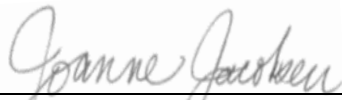
Summary

In accordance with SMP Guidelines, service plans have been submitted to OCTA, which specify the program services provided by each participating city and agency. Staff is seeking Board approval and authorization to execute agreements with 32 cities and three non-profit agencies for an initial term of five years, with one, five-year option term to continue SMP services.

Attachments

- A. Senior Mobility Program, Project U Funding and Policy Guidelines, November 2018
- B. Projected Measure M2 Senior Mobility Program, Funding Allocation (5 Years)
- C. Senior Mobility Program, FY 2021-22 to FY 2025-26 Community Center Funding Projections
- D. Senior Mobility Program, Agency Service Plan
- E. Senior Mobility Program Summary of Services

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