



June 1, 2026

To: Executive Committee

From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer 

Subject: Amendment to Cooperative Agreement with the County of Orange, Orange County Sheriff's Department

Overview

On May 12, 2025, the Board of Directors approved a five-year agreement with the County of Orange, Orange County Sheriff's Department, to provide Transit Police Services. The contract is required to be amended annually to include the necessary firm-fixed cost for each fiscal year. Board of Directors' approval is requested to amend the agreement to include necessary funding for fiscal year 2026-27.

Recommendation

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 1 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-5-4051 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and County of Orange, Orange County Sheriff's Department, in the amount of \$15,565,618 for Transit Police Services, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. This will increase the maximum obligation of the agreement to a total contract value of \$31,088,784.

Discussion

The County of Orange, Orange County Sheriff's Department (OCSD), has provided Transit Police Services (TPS) for the Orange County Transportation Authority's (OCTA) patrons, employees, and properties since 1993. On May 12, 2025, OCTA's Board of Directors (Board) approved a cooperative agreement with the OCSD to provide TPS for a period of five years.

The OCSD is required to annually develop a fiscal year (FY) budget to support funding necessary to carry out TPS services for each of the five years in the contract. After the FY budget is developed, the OCSD submits the budget to OCTA for review and concurrence. An amendment is then required to increase the overall contract value to cover the cost of services for the specific FY as well

as any modifications to scope or level of services. For FY 2026-27, OCTA requested no changes to the level of service provided by the OCSD for TPS. The \$15,565,618 budget request represents an increase of 0.273 percent over the amount budgeted for FY 2025-26. The increase is associated with changes to estimated overtime.

Services provided by the OCSD are listed on Attachment A. Patrol areas associated with these services are identified in Attachment B. In addition to these services, the OCSD also provides countywide services such as the Hazardous Devices Squad, Special Weapons and Tactics Team, Special Victims Unit, and the Orange County Intelligence Assessment Center, which can be utilized on an as-needed basis.

Fiscal Impact

Amendment No. 1 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-5-4051 is included in the OCTA proposed FY 2026-27 Budget, with \$15,269,161 budgeted for TPS services. There is also \$296,457 budgeted for special services, which includes patrol of OCTA-owned environmental mitigation properties, transit security overtime for Visual Intermodal Prevention and Response (VIPR) and Anti-Terrorism-Anti-Crime (ATAC) to be utilized for high-security risk events. Patrol costs will be funded by Measure M2, and the VIPR and ATAC are funded with Transit Security Grant Program funds.

Summary

Staff recommends the Board of Directors authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 1 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-5-4051 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the County of Orange, Orange County Sheriff's Department, in the amount of \$15,565,618 for the provision of Transit Police Services from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, bringing the maximum contract obligation to \$31,088,784.

Attachments

- A. County of Orange, Orange County Sheriff's Department Services Provided
- B. Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Patrol Area Locations
- C. County of Orange, Orange County Sheriff's Department Cooperative Agreement No. C-5-4051 Fact Sheet

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