



**June 16, 2026**

**To:** Transit Committee

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

**Subject:** Amendments to Cooperative Agreements with Agencies Participating in the Senior Mobility Program

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**Overview**

The Measure M2 Senior Mobility Program provides funding to eligible cities and designated nonprofit agencies to provide transit services that meet the mobility needs of their senior communities.

Cooperative agreements with 32 participating cities and three nonprofit agencies participating in the Senior Mobility Program will expire June 30, 2026. To continue providing funding to support Senior Mobility Program services, amendments are required to exercise the option term of the agreements for an additional five years, through June 30, 2031.

Amendments to the cooperative agreements with the three participating nonprofit agencies are required to allocate funding for fiscal year 2026-27 and ensure continuation of services.

**Recommendations**

- A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute amendments to cooperative agreements with 32 cities participating in the Senior Mobility Program to exercise the five-year option term of the agreements, through June 30, 2031.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute amendments to cooperative agreements with the three nonprofit agencies participating in the Senior Mobility Program to exercise the five-year option term of the agreements, through June 30, 2031.

- C. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 5 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-1-3259 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Abrazar, Inc., in the amount of \$99,431, to provide funding through June 30, 2027.
- D. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 6 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-1-3260 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the Korean American Senior Association of Orange County, in the amount of \$122,243, to provide funding through June 30, 2027.
- E. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 5 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-1-3261 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Southland Integrated Services, Inc., in the amount of \$107,485, to provide funding through June 30, 2027.

***Discussion***

Measure M2 (M2) includes funding for three programs under Project U to support the transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities. One of these programs, the Senior Mobility Program (SMP), was established by the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) to provide community-based transportation services for seniors. OCTA supports senior mobility services through two program models: city-based programs funded through M2 formula allocations and nonprofit-operated programs supported through local transportation funding sources.

**City-Based SMP Services**

For the city-based SMP services, OCTA distributes one percent of net M2 revenues through a formula allocation to participating Orange County cities based on each city's population of residents age 60 and older. Participating cities are required to provide a minimum 20 percent funding match and develop service plans consistent with SMP guidelines. On November 26, 2018, the Board of Directors (Board) approved revisions to the SMP guidelines requiring all participating cities to submit Board-approved service plans to OCTA for review and compliance verification.

Eligible SMP services include transportation to and from senior centers, medical appointments, shopping, personal care, and social or recreational activities. Services are generally limited to trips within Orange County, except for medical trips, which may extend up to ten miles outside the county boundary.

The initial term of the cooperative agreements with the 32 participating cities expires June 30, 2026. Board approval is required to exercise the five-year option term through June 30, 2031, to ensure continued program administration and service delivery.

#### Non-Profit Based SMP Services

Separate from the city-based SMP services, OCTA also supports senior transportation services operated by three nonprofit agencies: Abrazar Inc., Korean American Senior Association of Orange County, and Southland Integrated Services, Inc. These agencies provide transportation services across multiple jurisdictions where service is not otherwise available through a single participating city.

Because these programs are operated by nonprofit organizations rather than local jurisdictions, they are not eligible for M2 formula funding. However, OCTA continues to support these services using local transportation funding sources due to the significant mobility benefits they provide to the community. Similar to participating cities, the nonprofit agencies are required to comply with applicable SMP guidelines and provide a minimum 20 percent local funding match.

In 2011, a baseline reimbursement amount for the nonprofit agencies was established based on anticipated annual trip volumes. Beginning in 2012, annual funding adjustments have been based on prior-year funding levels and projected M2 sales tax revenue growth, consistent with the methodology used for participating cities.

These services continue to supplement city-based programs by providing transportation across multiple jurisdictions where service is limited or not otherwise available. In FY 2024–25, the three non-profit agencies collectively provided 12,489 trips and were allocated \$309,890 in funding. For FY 2025–26, the allocated funding is \$303,102. As of February 2026, the agencies have provided 8,666 trips, a seven percent increase compared to the same period in the prior FY.

The current funding agreements with the three nonprofit agencies require annual amendments to authorize funding for each subsequent fiscal year. The proposed amendments authorize the allocation of \$322,764 in local transportation funds for FY 2026-27 to continue services through June 30, 2027. Although the cooperative agreements extend through June 30, 2031, all funding remains subject to annual Board approval.

The initial term of the three nonprofit agencies expires June 30, 2026. Board approval is required to exercise the five-year option term through June 30, 2031, to ensure continued program administration and service delivery.

**Fiscal Impact**

Services provided by the three nonprofit agencies are included in the Orange County Transportation Authority Proposed Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget, Operations Division, account nos. 0030-7831-D1502-PDK, 0030-7831-D1502-PDW, and 0030-7831-D1502-PEE, using Local Transportation funds.

***Summary***

Staff requests that the Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute amendments to exercise the option term of the cooperative agreements with the 32 participating cities and three nonprofit agencies participating in the SMP for five years through June 30, 2031, and to execute amendments to allocate FY 2026-27 funding to the three participating nonprofit agencies to ensure the continued delivery of senior transportation services through June 30, 2027.

***Attachments***

- A. Senior Mobility Program Summary
- B. Projected Measure M2 Senior Mobility Program Funding Allocation (5 Years)
- C. Senior Mobility Program Cooperative Agreements Fact Sheet for 32 Cities and Nonprofit Agencies

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