



**June 16, 2026**

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**To:** Transit Committee

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

**Subject:** Amendments to Cooperative Transit Agreements for the Provision of Special Transit Services

**Overview**

The Orange County Transportation Authority contracts with five community-based service agencies to provide transportation to OC ACCESS eligible riders attending program activities.

On June 23, 2025, the Board of Directors approved five-year cooperative agreements with each of the five agencies, which require annual amendments to adjust the per-trip reimbursement rate and maximum funding obligations. Board of Directors' approval is requested to amend the cooperative agreements to continue transportation services for OC ACCESS eligible riders.

**Recommendations**

- A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 2 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-4-2287 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and North County Senior Services, LLC, doing business as Acacia Adult Day Services to continue transportation services in the amount of \$114,169.20 and to adjust the per-trip rate to \$26.70, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. There is no increase to the maximum obligation of the agreement.
  
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 2 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-4-2288 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Alzheimer's Family Center to continue transportation services in the amount of \$123,327.30 and to adjust the per-trip rate to \$26.70, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. There is no increase to the maximum obligation of the agreement.

- C. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 2 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-4-2289 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Community SeniorServ, doing business as Meals on Wheels Orange County, to continue transportation services in the amount of \$294,794.70, and to adjust the per-trip rate to \$26.70, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. This will increase the maximum obligation of the agreement to a total contract value of \$1,043,763.70.
  
- D. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 3 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-4-2290 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and SoCal Senior Services, LLC, to continue transportation services in the amount of \$340,478.40, and to adjust the per-trip rate to \$26.70, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. This will increase the maximum obligation of the agreement to a total contract value of \$1,219,570.40.
  
- E. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 3 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-4-2291 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Orange County Adult Achievement Center, doing business as My Day Counts, to continue transportation services in the amount of \$1,770,904.20, to adjust the per-trip rate to \$26.70, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. This will increase the maximum obligation of the agreement to a total contract value of \$5,107,518.20.

***Discussion***

Since 2005, the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) has partnered with community-based service agencies (participating agencies) to implement alternative transportation programs for individuals eligible for OC ACCESS. These programs are designed to manage OC ACCESS service demand and reduce overall operating costs while maintaining reliable transportation for riders.

A significant portion of OC ACCESS trips are associated with travel to and from programs provided by the participating agencies. Through cooperative agreements, participating agencies coordinate transportation for OC ACCESS eligible riders traveling to participating agency programs, reducing the number of trips that would otherwise be provided directly by OC ACCESS.

These partnerships have proven effective in maintaining service efficiency and controlling costs. In fiscal year (FY) 2024-25, the participating agencies provided 94,187 trips, resulting in an estimated savings of approximately \$4.2 million compared to the cost of providing those trips through OC ACCESS.

Under the terms of the cooperative agreements, OCTA reimburses participating agencies on a per-trip basis. Reimbursement rates are adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index to account for changes in operating costs. The agreements limit the annual number of OCTA subsidized trips for each participating agency to a 1.1 percent increase. However, this cap may be exceeded if a participating agency demonstrates that additional trips would directly offset OC ACCESS service demand and costs.

The proposed amendments will update the per-trip reimbursement rates and maximum funding obligations for FY 2026-27, ensuring the continued delivery of cost-effective transportation services for OC ACCESS riders.

#### **Fiscal Impact**

These services are included in the proposed OCTA FY 2026-27 Budget, Operations Division, account nos. 2131-7312-D1208-HB9, 2131-7312-D1208-HBA, 2131-7312-D1208-8T6, 2131-7312-D1208-PJX, and 2131-7312-D1208-33M, and are funded through the Local Transportation Fund.

#### ***Summary***

Staff requests that the Board of Directors authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute amendments to cooperative agreements with the five participating agencies in the total amount of \$8,283,185.30, to continue transportation services through June 30, 2027, and update the per-trip reimbursement rates and maximum funding obligations for FY 2026-27 for transportation services provided to OC ACCESS eligible riders.

***Attachments***

- A. North County Senior Services, LLC doing business as Acacia Adult Day Services, Cooperative Agreement No. C-4-2287, Fact Sheet
- B. Alzheimer's Family Center, Cooperative Agreement No. C-4-2288, Fact Sheet
- C. Community SeniorServ doing business as Meals on Wheels Orange County, Cooperative Agreement No. C-4-2289, Fact Sheet
- D. SoCal Senior Services, LLC Cooperative Agreement No. C-4-2290 Fact Sheet
- E. Orange County Adult Achievement Center doing business as My Day Counts, Cooperative Agreement No. C-4-2291, Fact Sheet

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