

To: Operations and Scheduling Committee

Date: 01/29/2021

From: Rashida Kamara, Director of ADA & Special services

Reviewed by: WC.

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### **SUBJECT: Pilot Project-Consolidation of CCCTA/LAVTA Paratransit Programs**

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#### **Background:**

In an effort to further the MTC goal of public transit agency collaboration to more efficiently spend transportation funding dollars, County Connection and LAVTA (Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority) staff have collaborated on developing a pilot program to share resources to deliver paratransit services in both agency's service areas. By leveraging resources between the two paratransit services through County Connection's existing paratransit operations contract, both agencies will see savings over the one-year pilot. If successful, this service design could be part of a future procurement for a long-term contract to deliver a similar model. The addition of this service will not negatively impact the budget for the County Connection, and will provide savings to LAVTA over what they would have to pay for their paratransit services being delivered as a stand alone contract.

If approved an interagency agreement would be written and signed by both parties that would outline proper compensation to CCCTA for delivering these services through it's paratransit agreement with Transdev.

#### **Shared Resources:**

If both agency Board's approve the pilot, County Connection will ask it's current paratransit contractor to leverage some existing resources (management, dispatch and customer service) from the County Connection contract. Transdev would perform the LAVTA trips using their subcontract with BigStar with signage that specifically identifies the vehicles as "Wheels DAR". Other shared resources will include Dispatching, scheduling, and scheduling softwares and road supervision. Leveraging such resources eliminates a redundancy of efforts.

Additionally, LAVTA will pay County Connection for the additional services through a monthly fixed fee of \$29,436.19 to cover additional staff (1 added operations/safety manager, 1 added customer service representative, and 2 added dispatchers). Both agencies would pay for the variable revenue hours at a rate of \$50.42, which is only a 1.7% increase over today's variable rate and in line with projections for the increase that is expected for the first option year of the paratransit contract beginning on July 1, 2021. More detail on the First Option Year is detailed in the memo specific to this topic. LAVTA would be invoiced for and compensate CCCTA for all of the variable hours delivered for their passengers.

#### **Financial Implication:**

Staff has determined that by adding the LAVTA paratransit program to its contract with Transdev, and leveraging the County Connection resources that are already in place, CCCTA will see a reduction in its FY 22 proposed monthly fixed cost of \$153,094.65 to \$148,292.28, as well as its FY 22 variable rate of \$50.56 to \$50.42.

**Attachment:**

None

**Action Requested**

Staff respectfully request the committee to approve a pilot project and request the committee forward to the full board a resolution authorizing the general manager to enter into an agreement with for a Pilot Project with LAVTA for the provision of paratransit services through their contractor Transdev.