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To: Board of Directors Date: 9/12/2018

From: Ruby Horta, Director of Planning & Marketing Reviewed by:

SUBJECT: Route 5 Amendment

Background:

In 2014, County Connection entered into an agreement with the City of Walnut Creek to provide free fares on Route 5, similar to the agreement for Route 4. At the time, it was estimated that the fare subsidy would not exceed \$55,000. However, due to the success of the route, ridership continues to increase.

Staff at County Connection and the City of Walnut Creek have negotiated an amendment to the Route 5 agreement to account for the increase in ridership. County Connection's legal counsel has reviewed and approved the proposed amendment. Both parties agreed to extend the agreement on an indefinite basis, at an annual subsidy of \$131,058 a year to offset the fare revenue lost by providing all Route 5 passengers free rides.

County Connection and City of Walnut Creek will continue to monitor ridership on an annual basis and propose fare adjustments, as needed.

Financial Implications:

The City of Walnut Creek has agreed to increase its fare subsidy contribution for the Route 5 to \$131,058 per year.

Recommendation:

The A&F Committee and staff support the Route 5 amendment to increase the contribution from the City of Walnut Creek in an amount not to exceed \$131,058.

Action Requested:

The A&F Committee requests Board approval of Resolution 2019-04.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-04

BOARD OF DIRECTORS CENTRAL CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT AUTHORITY STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT OF THE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF WALNUT CREEK FOR ROUTE 5 SERVICE

WHEREAS, the County of Contra Costa and the Cities of Clayton, Concord, the Town of Danville, Lafayette, Martinez, the Town of Moraga, Orinda, Pleasant Hill, San Ramon and Walnut Creek (hereinafter "Member Jurisdictions") have formed the Central Contra Costa Transit Authority ("CCCTA"), a joint exercise of powers agency created under California Government Code Section 6500 *et seq.*, for the joint exercise of certain powers to provide coordinated and integrated public transportation services within the area of its Member Jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, on August 21, 2014, the CCCTA Board of Directors ratified the Administration & Finance Committee's action authorizing the General Manager to execute a Public Transportation Services Agreement with the City of Walnut Creek to provide for a "free ride" program, whereby the City would contribute a fare subsidy for the Route 5 service of \$55,000 a year;

WHEREAS, because ridership continues to rise on Route 5, CCCTA and City staff have negotiated an amendment to the Route 5 Public Transportation Services Agreement, whereby the City will contribute a fare subsidy in the amount of \$131,058 a year to offset the fare revenue lost by providing all Route 5 passengers free rides, with the understanding that staff will continue to monitor ridership on an annual basis and propose fare adjustments, as needed; and

WHEREAS, the Administration & Finance Committee and the General Manager recommend Board approval of the amendment to the Public Transportation Services Agreement with the City of Walnut Creek.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Central Contra Costa Transit Authority Board of Directors authorizes an amendment to the Public Transportation Services Agreement with the City of Walnut Creek to extend the Agreement on an indefinite basis, and to increase the City's fare subsidy for the Route 5 service to \$131,058 a year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Manager or his designee is authorized to execute the amendment, in a form approved by Legal Counsel.

Regularly passed and adopted this 20th day of September, 2018, by the following vote:
AYES:
NOES:
ABSTENTIONS:
ABSENT:
Rob Schroder, Chair, Board of Directors ATTEST:
Lathina Hill, Clerk to the Board