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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: May 27, 2025
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: David Garcia, Director of Public Works
SUBJECT: Resolution approving Amendment No. 1 to the agreement between the County of Nevada and Paratransit Services for the Provision of Specialized Paratransit Services in Western Nevada County – Districts I, II, III, IV

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached resolution.

FUNDING: Funding is provided by Transportation Development Act (TDA) revenue and is included in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Transit Services Division budget. There is no impact on the General Fund.

BACKGROUND: On September 27, 2022, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 22-507 approving a five-year agreement with Paratransit Services for provision of paratransit services beginning October 1, 2022, through June 30, 2027. The base contract includes the option for up to two (2) additional two (2) year renewals with Board approval.

The base term of the contract identified annual pricing amounts for each Fiscal Year from 2022-23 through 2026-27, which included annual expenses for revenue vehicle insurance as specified in Exhibit C of the Professional Services Contract.

On January 16, 2025, Paratransit Services notified the Transit Services Manager, via letter, that due to changes to their insurance carrier, and the prior five-year loss ratio associated with the Nevada County Now (formerly Gold Country Lift), they would no longer be able to meet the insurance requirements of Exhibit C effective June 1, 2025. Per the notification letter, Paratransit Services has requested the County insure the vehicles.

Staff accepted the Notification Letter from Paratransit Services and proceeded to explore insurance options with our current insurance pool for Nevada County Connects fixed route services, the California Transit Indemnity Pool (Cal-TIP). Staff received an acceptable quote for services to ensure the paratransit revenue fleet in the following amounts for the 2025-26 fiscal year.

- Liability Program: @ \$25,000 Self Insured Retention - \$64,435
- Vehicle Physical Damage Program: @ \$10,000 Self Insured Retention - \$3,840

The total cost of the County assuming insurance coverage for the Paratransit Revenue Fleet is \$68,275, which has been included in FY25-26 Transit Services Division budget. It should be noted that, while this is a breach of contract, this amendment actually saves the Transit Services Division approximately \$30,497 in FY25-26 when compared to the pricing associated with the Paratransit Services budget line item.

Staff recommends the Board approve Amendment No. 1 to the Paratransit Services contract.

Attachments:

1. Resolution approving Amendment No. 1 to the agreement between the County of Nevada and Paratransit Services for the Provision of Specialized Paratransit Services in Western Nevada County.
2. Amendment No. 1
3. Paratransit Services Notice of Discontinuation of Insurance Letter
4. Paratransit Services BAFO Pricing (Insurance line item)
5. Paratransit Services Contract FY22-23 – 26-27

Item Initiated by: Robin Van Valkenburgh, Transit Services Division Manager

Approved by: David Garcia, Director of Public Works