

**BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM**

MEETING DATE: May 1, 2012

Action Requested:

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING A REVISION TO THE PASSENGER, VEHICLE AND SYSTEM SAFETY PROGRAM PLAN (SSPP) FOR MOUNTAIN MOBILITY, BUNCOMBE COUNTY'S COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Background Information

The Buncombe County Board of Commissioners adopted a System Safety Program Plan for Mountain Mobility on July 20, 2004, with subsequent revisions to the plan on December 6, 2005 and June 15, 2010, and August 16, 2011. The Plan is required by the NCDOT Public Transportation Division to meet additional requirements necessary to ensure continuation of operations in six core areas, including driver/employee selection, training, safety data acquisition analysis, substance abuse program, vehicle maintenance, and security.

Mountain Mobility's Exposure Control Plan, included in Section 3 of the SSPP, is being revised based on OSHA recommendations. The revisions will add clarity to locations of materials, as well as procedures related to exposures. The procedures will limit cleanup to what the on-board exposure control materials can handle, specifying that the cleanup of spills beyond that should be handled through management. The changes coincide in more detail with the training that drivers receive and will better protect them from potential exposure.

Based on recommendations from its operations contractor, Section 5 is being revised to update the PM schedules for vehicles to clarify maintenance tasks associated with alternative fuel vehicles and also to convert PM schedules for diesel fuel vehicles from miles to hours. By switching to hours rather than miles, the PMs will occur more frequently. It is anticipated that the increased number of PMs will reduce corrective maintenance costs on diesel vehicles.

Staff requests that the Board formally approve the revised System Safety Program Plan in order to maintain a System Safety Program Plan that is in compliance with NCDOT requirements.

Funds/Staff requested:

None

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