



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 5/21/2019

New Business

Department: Planning & Development

Presenter(s): Matthew Cable, AICP

Contact(s): Nathan Pennington, CFM, Planning & Development Director

Subject: Rate Increase for Purchased Transportation Services Provided under the Transportation Agreement between County of Buncombe and City of Asheville

Brief Summary: Buncombe County provides ADA Complementary Paratransit Services for the City of Asheville through Mountain Mobility as a purchased transportation service under a July 1, 2014 Transportation Agreement with the City. The Agreement currently includes a billing rate of \$1.30 per shared service mile for services operated during regular Mountain Mobility hours and \$4.00 per shared service mile for services operated after-hours and holidays.

Effective July 1, 2019:

- Staff proposes a new billing rate to the City of Asheville of \$1.92 per shared service mile for services operated during regular Mountain Mobility hours
- No change to the billing rate of \$4.00 per shared service mile to the City of Asheville for services operated after-hours and holidays

This rate increase is necessary because of the increased costs for Mountain Mobility transportation services that will be effective July 1, 2019. County staff have regular meetings with City of Asheville transportation staff regarding costs for the delivery of this service. We have presented these rates to the City staff and they have incorporated this proposed rate structure in their FY 20 budget proposal. As a result, the County allocation for this service will remain the same as FY 2019.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action: Approve the shared service mile rate for ADA Complementary Paratransit Services for the City of Asheville of \$1.92 per shared service mile for services operated during regular Mountain Mobility hours and \$4.00 per shared service mile for services operated after-hours and holidays effective July 1, 2019.

County Manager's comments and Recommendation: Approve the recommended rate as presented.