



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 6/2/2020

New Business

Department: Planning & Development, Community Development Division

Presenter(s): Matthew Cable

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Subject: Rate Adjustment 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 under a July 1, 2014 Transportation Agreement with the City. The Agreement currently includes a billing rate 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. A ten percent (10%) administrative surcharge is applied in addition to the billing rate.

Staff proposes eliminating the administrative surcharge and streamlining the billing rate to a single rate of \$2.28 per shared service mile for all services (during regular hours and after-hours and holidays). This shared service mile rate falls under the operating contract rate of \$2.2885 per mile paid to the operating contractor (RATP Dev USA, Inc.) by the County. The County will continue to subsidize the ADA Complementary Paratransit service by not seeking City cost participation in administrative, fuel and capital vehicle costs associated with the provision of these services. The table below provides detail on how the rate change provides cost savings to the City and impacts the subsidy provided by the County.

FY 2021 Projected Costs	At Current Rate	At Proposed Rate	Change
City of Asheville Costs	\$1,128,286	\$1,121,578	↓ \$6,708
County Subsidy of Costs	\$620,808	\$627,516	↑ \$6,708
Total ADA Services Cost	\$1,749,094	\$1,749,094	\$0

Additionally, any fare revenues collected for ADA Complementary Paratransit offset the City's actual expenditure.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

Approve the \$2.28 per shared service mile rate and eliminate the ten percent (10%) administrative surcharge effective July 1, 2020.

County Manager's Comments and Recommendation:

Approve the recommended rate as presented.