



## Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

### Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 5/18/2021

#### Consent Agenda

**Department:** Planning & Development

**Presenter(s):** Matthew Cable, AICP

**Contact(s):** Matthew Cable

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

#### Brief Summary:

Buncombe County provides ADA Complementary Paratransit Services for the City of Asheville under a Transportation Agreement. The Agreement currently includes a billing rate of \$2.28 per shared service mile. Staff proposes increasing the billing rate to \$2.33 per shared service mile. This rate falls below the operating contract rate of \$2.3344 per mile paid by the County to the operating contractor (RATP Dev USA, Inc.).

The County continues 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 City of Asheville ADA Complementary Paratransit Services.

The FY22 projected cost to the City, at the proposed \$2.33 rate, is \$26,066 higher than were the rate to remain unchanged. The projected total cost to the City at the proposed \$2.33 rate is \$1,214,698. The anticipated payment from the City (\$1,214,698) is reflected in the proposed FY22 county budget.

#### Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

Approve the \$2.33 per shared service mile rate effective July 1, 2020.

#### County Manager's Comments and Recommendation:

The County Manager agrees with this recommendation.