



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 5/20/2025

Good News

Department: Planning & Development

Presenter(s): Nate Pennington, CFM

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Subject: Recognition of Buncombe County's Mountain Mobility Program

Brief Summary:

Buncombe County's Community Transportation System, Mountain Mobility, achieved three noteworthy accomplishments in recent months.

1. Mountain Mobility was recognized with the Transit System of the Year award by the North Carolina Public Transportation Association (NCPTA) at its Annual Conference on April 29. Western North Carolina transit systems impacted by Helene were recognized. Mountain Mobility's commitment to providing accessible and efficient transportation services responsive to the needs of Buncombe County residents were highlighted. In the immediate aftermath of the storm, Mountain Mobility vehicle operators performed over 12,000 miles of service which included delivering meals to emergency responders while also transporting residents to dialysis, life-sustaining medical treatments, and various trips connecting residents to vital resources.
2. Mountain Mobility was subject to a Proficiency Review, a triennial review, by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Integrated Mobility Division (IMD). The Proficiency Review was culminated in an on-site visit and audit of records to confirm a desk audit conducted in the preceding months. On February 25, 2025, the NCDOT issued a formal letter regarding Mountain Mobility's Proficiency Review, finding Buncombe County's system to be deficiency free and in full compliance with State and Federal requirements. The collective efforts of County staff and our contracted operating and administrative partners are reflected in the deficiency free review.
3. Mountain Mobility was subject to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) National Transit Database (NTD) requirement that each 10 years an independent auditor complete an Independent Auditor Statement for Financial Data (IAS-FD). The IAS-FD is required to verify and confirm that financial reporting complies with NTD's Uniform System of Accounts (USOA). On March 6 Maudlin & Jenkins issued its IAS-FD indicating that the County's reporting of Mountain Mobility financial were without exception. The collective effort of County staff ensured the accuracy of our financial reporting to remain compliant with Federal requirements.

Please join us in congratulating Mountain Mobility on its recognition.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

None

County Manager's comments and Recommendation: N/A