



## **Buncombe County Board of Commissioners**

### **Request for Board Action**

**Meeting Date: 5/20/2025**

#### **New Business**

**Department:** Planning & Development      **Presenter(s):** William High, AICP

**Contact(s):** William High

**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 an automatically renewing Transportation Agreement which originated July 1, 2013. The Agreement currently includes a contract billing rate of \$3.37 per shared service mile. The Agreement allows for the billing rate to be adjusted provided it is less than the operating contract rate per mile paid by the County to the operating contractor (RATP Dev USA, Inc.). County staff proposes increasing the contract billing rate to \$3.49 per shared service mile in line with the Agreement.

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 City of Asheville ADA Complementary Paratransit Services.

The FY26 projected cost to the City, with anticipated service volumes at the billing rate of \$3.49, would be \$1,312,650. Projected costs have been communicated to the City of Asheville's Transportation Department throughout the budget cycle for inclusion in the City's FY 2025-2026 annual budget.

#### **Recommended Motion & Requested Action:**

Approve the \$3.49 per shared service mile rate effective July 1, 2025.

#### **County Manager's comments and Recommendation:**

County Manager recommends as presented.