THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: June 27, 2023

Subject: Contract with Buncombe County for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Paratransit Services for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24.

Staff Resource(s): Ken Putnam, Transportation Department Director
Jessica Morriss, Assistant Transportation Department Director
Amber Wagner, Transit Planning Manager

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Buncombe County for ADA Paratransit Services in the amount of $1,000,000 for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

Background:
- The City contracts with Buncombe County's Mountain Mobility to provide the City's federally required ADA Paratransit Services.
- Paratransit services ensure that individuals with disabilities can access transportation services as equitably as possible.
- The ADA requires that complementary paratransit operates equivalent hours and service areas as the fixed-route buses.
- The contract cost for FY 2023-24 is estimated to be $1,000,000 and is based on the per-mile rate of $3.20 and anticipated number of service miles to be provided.
- Funding to pay for the Paratransit Services contract was budgeted in the Transit Operations Fund for FY 2023-24 when the City budget was approved on June 13, 2023.

Vendor Outreach Efforts:
- N/A. This is a current contract.

Council Goal(s):
- Improve and Expand Core Services

Committee(s):
- None.

Pro(s):
- Supports the continuation of current/existing paratransit services.
- Ensures sufficient funding to pay for services as required by the contractual agreement.

Con(s):
- None

Fiscal Impact:
- Funding for this contract is included in the FY 2023-24 Transit Services Fund operating budget.

Suggested Motion:
- Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Buncombe County for ADA Paratransit Services in the amount of $1,000,000 for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

Attachment(s):
- Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 23 -_____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH BUNCOMBE COUNTY FOR ADA PARATRANSIT SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24.

WHEREAS, N.C.General Statute §160A-461 requires that inter-local agreements entered into by the City be approved by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City entered into an agreement with Buncombe County to provide paratransit services through Mountain Mobility; and

WHEREAS, the City is required by the Federal Transit Administration to provide comparable paratransit service within the service area of the Asheville Rides Transit system pursuant of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration requires the City of Asheville to enter into a contract agreement incorporating all federal requirements agreed to by the City of Asheville in the master agreement with the Federal Transit Administration; and

WHEREAS, in order to avoid a lapse in service and to pay for services rendered, it is necessary to execute the contract for Fiscal Year 2023-24;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE THAT:

City Council authorizes the City Manager to execute a contract with Buncombe County for ADA Paratransit Services in the amount of $1,000,000 for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

Read, approved, and adopted this the 27th day of June 2023.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney