



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.
H-1

For the meeting of: August 22, 2017

Date: August 15, 2017
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisor Rex Bohn and Supervisor Estelle Fennell
Subject: Proposed Changes to the Humboldt Transit Authority (HTA) Bus Schedule to Accommodate Weekend Service to Southern Humboldt

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors request that the Humboldt Transit Authority (HTA) Board of Directors explore the possibility of providing weekend service to Southern Humboldt.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION:

In January 2010, the County of Humboldt contracted with Humboldt Transit Authority to provide bus service to the residents of Southern Humboldt. The service provided is a Deviated Fixed Route (DFR) for Miranda, Phillipsville, Redway, Garberville, and Benbow and an Intercity route that services Redcrest, Weott, Myers Flat, Miranda, Phillipsville, Redway, Garberville, and Benbow.

The funds used to provide the service is the Local Transportation Fund (LTF), which is derived from a ¼ cent of the general sales tax collected statewide. The State Board of Equalization, based on sales tax collected in each county, returns the general sales tax revenues to each county's LTF. Each county then apportions the LTF funds within the country based on population. In order to qualify for funding under the LTF, the transit claimant must maintain a ratio of fare revenues to operating cost at least equal to the ratio of 10 percent if the claimant is in a non-urbanized area and the DFR is currently operating at 10%.

Signature Estelle Fennell
Signature _____

Prepared by _____ Kathy Hayes

REVIEW: Auditor _____ County Counsel _____ Personnel _____ Risk Manager _____ Other _____

TYPE OF ITEM:
____ Consent
____ Departmental
____ Public Hearing
XX Other Board Initiated (10 minutes)
PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
Upon motion of Supervisor Fennell Seconded by Supervisor Wilson
Ayes Sandberg, Fennell, Bass, Bohn, Wilson
Nays _____
Abstain _____
Absent _____

Board Order No. _____

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Meeting of: _____

1 Dated: Aug. 22, 2017
By: Kathy Hayes
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

Southern Humboldt residents have expressed interest in Saturday and Sunday bus service by submitting requests to the Humboldt County Association of Governments and through meetings with County and HTA staff.

As such, HTA recently did an informal route study for the DFR to investigate which bus stops that are not producing ridership and found that several stops are not producing any riders. If HTA were to dissolve the local system into the Intercity route, it is anticipated that funds would then be available to provide weekend service to Southern Humboldt.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: N/A