STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE:	**April 28, 2022**
SUBJECT:	**Approve Amendment #2 to the Technical Services Agreement with Dignity Health Connected Living for the Provision of Specialized Public Transportation Services**
AGENDA ITEM:	**5-10**
STAFF CONTACT:	**Sean Tiedgen, AICP, Senior Transportation Planner**

SUMMARY:
SRTA currently contracts with Dignity Health Connected Living for public transit service needs not met by RABA. The current agreement expires on June 30, 2022, and allows the SRTA Board of Directors to extend the agreement up to five years. A three-year extension is recommended.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
It is recommended that the board of directors authorize the executive director to approve a second amendment to the technical services agreement with Dignity Health Connected Living for the provision of specialized public transportation services, extending the agreement until June 30, 2025, and make minor changes to other provisions in the contract.

DISCUSSION:
Under contract to SRTA, DHCL provides specialized public transit services in the Shasta Region, under the ShastaConnect brand, in areas not covered by the Redding Area Bus Authority (RABA). The current contract between SRTA and DHCL expires on June 30, 2022. The board of directors may extend that agreement for up to five additional years.

Staff is satisfied with the services provided by DHCL to date and recommends approval of the amendment. DHCL has been working with SRTA to meet community transportation needs, including launching Sunday On-Demand Transit services and expanded services in the Intermountain area of Shasta County, they are vested in the community, and their agency mission aligns well with SRTA's goals for public transportation.

Tasks expected to be completed over the next three years include:
- Continue operation of rural and Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) services;
- Operate and evaluate Sunday On-Demand Transit services; and
- Assist SRTA in developing a zero-emission fleet plan for the services.

ALTERNATIVES:
The board of directors may request other modifications to the contract amendment. This would delay approval as any modifications would need to be reviewed and approved by DHCL's legal

department. The board of directors may decline the contract amendment, which would require SRTA to issue a request for proposals for services. An extension to the existing contract may need to be considered at the June meeting to allow for any transition between providers.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

DHCL, RABA, and SRTA coordinate as needed on public transportation service ride requests. *///The Technical Advisory Committee concurs with the staff recommendation.'''*

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact with this decision. The SRTA Board of Directors annually approves DHCL's budget for transportation services as part of the unmet transit needs process. Up to five percent of Local Transportation Funds (LTF) are budgeted annually for CTSA services. In the 2021/22 fiscal year, a total of $416,906 was budgeted for CTSA services.

Since 2019, SRTA has provided additional funds through the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) for operating expanded rural public transportation ($258,598) and Sunday On-Demand Transit services ($334,629).

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Daniel S. Little, AICP, Executive Director

Attachment: Amendment #2 to the Agreement for the Provision of Specialized Public Transportation Services between SRTA and DHCL ***– not available at TAC***