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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

June 17, 2025

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

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EDWARD YEN  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**TRANSPORTATION CORE SERVICE AREA  
TRANSPORTATION FUNDING FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM  
BY THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY  
FOR UNINCORPORATED COUNTY RESIDENTS  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)  
(3 VOTES)**

### **SUBJECT**

Public Works is seeking Board approval authorizing the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute an agreement with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to transport residents of the Los Angeles County to parklands for participation in the mountains educational program.

### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find that the proposed project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter and in the record of the project.
2. Approve funding for the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to transport residents of the Los Angeles County to parklands in Fiscal Years 2024-25, 2025-26, 2026-27, and 2027-28 at an estimated total cost of \$300,000.
3. Authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to negotiate and execute an agreement with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to provide service to transport residents of Los Angeles County to parklands for Fiscal Years 2024-25, 2025-26, 2026-27, and 2027-28, and to approve and execute amendments to incorporate necessary changes to terms or conditions included in the agreement.

## **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is to authorize the Director to execute an agreement for transportation services with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for Fiscal Years (FYs) 2024-25, 2025-26, 2026-27, and 2027-28. This will allow Public Works to continue funding transportation services that benefit the Los Angeles County residents that would otherwise have limited access to parklands and allow them to participate in the mountains educational program.

## **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

Recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: North Star 2, Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities, Focus Area Goal D, Sustainability, Strategy i, Climate Health, by supporting multimodal transportation investments that improves safety and mobility, reduces traffic congestion, and reduces greenhouse gas emissions. Furthermore, the recommendations support an ongoing partnership that facilitates access to parklands by residents who have limited options of transportation to visit and enjoy the parklands.

## **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated total cost to provide this service for FYs 2024-25, 2025-26, 2026-27, and 2027-28 is \$300,000. The estimated annual budget will be \$15,000 for each Supervisorial District for a total annual budget of \$75,000. The actual cost will be allocated to each Supervisorial District based on actual trips from each District.

Funding for this project is included in each Supervisorial District's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program in the Transit Operations Fund (CP6 – Services and Supplies) FY 2024-25 Budget request. Funding for FYs 2025-26, 2026-27, and 2027-28 will be requested through the annual budget process.

## **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Since 1988 the Board has approved the use of Proposition A Local Return Transit funds to support the program. The program provides community center groups, youth groups, senior citizen groups, persons with disabilities, camps, and schools in the unincorporated County areas with transportation to parklands.

The majority of the program participants are lower-income, disadvantaged individuals who have limited access to transportation. The program provides an effective means for transporting groups of unincorporated County residents who would not otherwise have access to parklands, such as Temescal Gateway, King Gillette Ranch, Franklin Canyon Park, and Will Rogers State Beach. The service is available year-round with most trips occurring during the summer and is free for program participants.

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority will be responsible to contract for the required transit service and for following all funding source requirements as indicated in the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Proposition A Local Return Guidelines. The program

agreement will cover a 4-year period beginning on July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2028, and will be approved as to form by County Counsel prior to execution by the Director.

**ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The proposed project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. Approval of the funding to provide passenger or commuter services is exempt pursuant to Section 21080(b)(10) of the Public Resources Code.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The program provides a valuable service for the residents who live in the unincorporated County. The goal of the program is to reach as many people as possible, both children and adults, so that they can experience and learn about the natural parklands.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to Public Works, Transportation Planning and Programs Division.

Respectfully submitted,



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