



Meeting Date: March 30 2022

Agenda Item: D.6

AGENDA SUMMARY REPORT

SUBJECT:

Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution 2022-11 Authorizing the Executive Director to procure equipment and participate in the CAL-ITP Fare Modernization & Integration Project

SUMMARY:

Mendocino Transit Authority has been working with Caltrans and their consultant, the Rebel Group, on the Fare Modernization & Integration Project. This project is a regional effort to simplify fare structures and modernize fare collection. The primary focus of the project is to improve the customer experience for transit riders by offering a contactless fare payment, reliable and accurate bus information, and fare capping. At the December 2021 meeting, the Board received a presentation from Lilly Shoup and Lauren Gilbert (The Rebel Group, CAL-ITP) where they gave an overview of the benefits, implementation plan, and timeline. At that time, the State was in the middle of a competitive Request for Proposals process for Payment Acceptance Devices (PADs) and Transit Processor Services, the two building blocks needed to implement contactless fare collection. On March 2, 2022, Caltrans announced that Master Service Agreements (MSAs) for these items are now available through the California Department of General Services (DGS). Now that the MSAs are available, members of the FNG can begin the procurement process. Based on the updated timeline, MTA anticipates implementing contactless fare collection in June 2022. For the initial six months the fare per ride utilizing the tap on tap off will be set at \$1.00 to entice passengers to use the system. Cash and Passes will still be accepted at current fare rates.

At this time, staff is seeking direction from the Board on whether or not to proceed with procuring the necessary hardware and software to implement the contactless fare collection system. MTA intends to use COVID stimulus funds to cover the initial procurement and implementation costs. Zachary Karson (The Rebel Group, CAL-ITP) will be available at the Board Meeting to answer any questions.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve Resolution 2022-11 Directing staff to proceed with the procurement of the Payment Acceptance Devices and Transit Processor Services to implement the contactless fare collection system.
2. Or Direct staff to continue researching the Fare Modernization and Integration Project.



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**MENDOCINO TRANSIT AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION # 2022-11**

WHEREAS purchasing certain equipment and services is required for the efficient operation of the business, and:

WHEREAS MTA desires to purchase Payment Acceptance Devices (PADs) and Transit Processor Services from CAL-ITP.

WHEREAS The Executive Director, is hereby authorized to purchase and perform any and all such acts, including execution of any and all documents to carry out the purposes and intent of the foregoing resolutions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Mendocino Transit Authority as follows: The Executive Director, is authorized to sign such an agreement.

Resolution moved by Director ___ and seconded by Director ___ and adopted this 30th day of March 2022 by the following roll call vote:

AYES:
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

IN WITNESS WHEREOF:

SAPRINA RODRIGUEZ, CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD.