



Agenda Item No. 2

To: Transportation Committee/Committee of the Whole  
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Subject: **STATUS REPORT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FY 06/07  
AGREEMENT WITH THE MARIN COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT FOR  
PROVISION OF ADA INTER-COUNTY PARATRANSIT SERVICE**

### **Recommendation**

There is no recommendation associated with this status report on development of the Fiscal Year 2006/2007 Agreement between the District and the Marin County Transit District (MCTD) for Inter-county Paratransit Service.

### **Summary**

A FY 06/07 Inter-county Paratransit Agreement is being developed by MCTD and District staffs to continue to reflect the principals of the past Inter-county Paratransit Agreements and the new Marin Local Fixed Route Bus Agreement. Presently, MCTD is concluding negotiations on its FY 06/07 contract for paratransit services throughout Marin County. Concurrently, the District and MCTD staff are finishing their work on the Inter-county Paratransit Agreement and expect to present the FY 06/07 Agreement to their respective Boards for approval within the next 30 days. In the new relationship with MCTD, the District pays MCTD for the inter-county paratransit service. The ADA does not allow denials of mandated paratransit service and requires, at a minimum, that transit operators provide special paratransit services to ADA-eligible passengers to and from locations within  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile on either side and within the comparable service hours of that agency's non-commute fixed bus routes.

At this time, District staff is presenting a preview of the FY 06/07 Agreement which, when approved, would apply retroactively to July 1, 2006. As in past years, the fixed, variable, and fuel expenses reflected in the Paratransit Agreement are being developed using a detailed line-item budget from the Contractor [Marin Senior Coordinating Council/Whistlestop Wheels (WSW)] and the latest fuel cost estimates from Marin County Department of Public Works. WSW's detailed line-item budget reflects its overall expenses for provision of the combined Marin local and inter-county public ADA paratransit services. These costs are then allocated to each agency based on projected total hours, total miles, number of vehicles, full-time equivalent

employees, and passengers. The total budget for the District’s paratransit services next year is expected to increase by approximately 5.3% over the past year. This increase reflects such things as increased fuel costs, an additional part-time mechanic position, increases in costs such as facility rental, insurance, and increased tech support and system equipment.

Additionally, service hours and capacity have been added in the FY 06/07 paratransit budget to ensure that no denials of ADA-mandated paratransit service would occur. During FY 05/06, there was enough capacity available to absorb some of the increase in ADA-mandated trip requests. In FY 06/07, however, this is not the case, and additional service hours will need to be provided. The following table outlines the demand for ADA paratransit trips and how it is increasing in comparison to overall trip requests received for both the local and inter-county ADA paratransit service:

**ADA Paratransit Increases**

	<b>Marin Local Service</b>			<b>GGBHTD Inter-county Service</b>		
	<b>FY 2005</b>	<b>FY 2006 (estimated)</b>	<b>% Increase</b>	<b>FY 2005</b>	<b>FY 2006 (estimated)</b>	<b>% Increase</b>
Trip Requests	83,961	85,851	+2%	11,385	12,364	+9%
ADA	76,511	83,028	+9%	10,734	12,003	+12%
Marin Extended*	7,450	2,823		651	361	

*\*Provision of “extended service” is now provided only on a space-available basis.*

**Fiscal Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this informational report. However, the preliminary inter-county paratransit budget allocation for FY 06/07 is about 5.3% higher than the FY 05/06 budget of \$932,000.