RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2019-202

MEETING: April 16, 2019

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chevon Kothari, Health and Human Services Director

RE: Authorize an Increase of Extra-Help Hours Beyond 999 Hours

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve an increase in Extra-Help hours from 999 hours to a total of 1,200 hours for a Medical Transportation Driver/relief Transit Bus Driver Extra-Help position in the Transit Budget effective immediately. The additional hours are needed as the department has one extra-help employee that occupies both the Medical Transportation Driver position and the relief Transit Bus Driver extra-help position and is in demand due to the increased need of senior medical trips to outlying areas, weekly Tuesday transit services in North Mariposa County, and lack of additional available drivers.

Mariposa County Transit has seen a significant increase in the need for senior medical transportation services to outlying areas. With only one driver readily available to provide services to these areas, the extra-help hours are rapidly approaching the limit of 999. For this reason, it is necessary to ask for an increase in the hours worked by the individual that holds both the Medical Transportation Driver and the relief Transit Bus Driver Extra-Help position to ensure continued senior medical transportation and North Mariposa County weekly Transit services for our senior 60 years and older population and to the general public.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Department of Community Services has requested additional extra-help hours beyond 999 once before. The Board has previously approved an increase of Extra-Help hours for Departments when the need arises.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
If the Board chooses not to increase the Extra-Help hours Mariposa County Transit will not be able to provide medical transportation services for seniors to outlying areas and will have to severely limit transit services for North Mariposa County residents for the remainder of the fiscal year.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
There is no impact to the General Fund as there is sufficient funding in the Transit Budget to accommodate the increase in Extra-Help hours.
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RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor
SECONDER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor
AYES: Rosemarie Smallcombe, Merlin Jones, Marshall Long, Kevin Cann
EXCUSED: Miles Menetrey