



City of Broken Arrow

Request for Action

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**Broken Arrow City Council
Meeting of: 07-18-17**

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Office of the City Manager
Title:

Approval of and authorization to execute a Professional Transportation Services Contract with the Metropolitan Tulsa Transit Authority (Tulsa Transit) to provide public transportation services for Fiscal Year 2017-18

Background:

In August 2005, the City began contracting with the Metropolitan Tulsa Transit Authority to provide mass transit service. Prior to that date, the service had been operated by the City through the Broken Arrow Bus Service.

Initially, the City utilized one bus (identified as Route 508) with it operating on a fixed route each business day, generally operating a route that included Kenosha to Aspen to New Orleans to Elm to Washington to Main and back to Kenosha. The bus deviated from the fixed route using a dial-a-ride advance scheduling service. The dial-a-ride service allowed residents to schedule service to and from their home with advance notice. The route also included periodic trips to the Tulsa Community College campus and the former South Crest Hospital where riders could connect to other MTTA routes.

Due to passenger demand, a second bus was added in August 2006. The second bus operates generally the same route, but in the opposite direction during peak operating hours. In August 2014, the bus added a stop at the Broken Arrow Neighbor's facility located at 322 West Broadway.

For the period from April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017, the total number of passengers was 10,172.

In April, 2017 Tulsa Transit representatives advised staff that 100% funding for Express Routes 902 and 909 would no longer be available. Both Express Routes operate a fixed route in Broken Arrow and then travel non-stop to downtown Tulsa. Both operate once in the morning and once in the evening. Annually 18,000 Broken Arrow residents use this service. Included in the FY 2017-18 budget was funding to continue both of these routes.

The cost of service for Route 508 is \$44.88 per operating hour. This is an increase of 10% and it is the first rate increase since 2006. The costs to maintain Routes 902 and 909 is \$82,000 annually. Sufficient funds have been budgeted to cover the estimated annual expense.

The staff recommends approval of the agreement.

Cost: \$315,376.00
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Reviewed By: Finance Department

Legal Department

Approved By: Michael Spurgeon, City Manager

Attachments: Professional Transportation Services Contract

Recommendation:

To approve the Professional Transportation Services Contract with the Metropolitan Tulsa Transit Authority.