



City of Broken Arrow

Request for Action

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**Broken Arrow City Council
Meeting of: 06-18-2018**

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 2018-19

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.

Beginning in July 2018 Tulsa Transit funding for Express Routes 902 and 909 were transferred to the City. 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.

In Fiscal Year 2017 ridership for all routes totaled 22,852 passengers. Based on actual ridership through May 31, projected ridership for Fiscal Year 2018 will exceed 23,000.

The cost of service for Route 508 is \$45.78 per operating hour. The costs to operate Routes 902 and 909 is \$83,640 annually. Sufficient funds have been budgeted to cover the estimated annual expense.

The staff recommends approval of the agreement.

Cost: \$321,696

Funding Source: General Fund, General Government Account

Requested By: Russell Gale, Assistant City Manager - Administration

Approved By: Michael L. Spurgeon, City Manager

Attachments: Professional Transportation Services Contract

Recommendation:

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