

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

COUNTY OF MONTEREY

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

and

MONTEREY-SALINAS TRANSIT DISTRICT

(MST)

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
MONTEREY-SALINAS TRANSIT DISTRICT  
AND  
COUNTY OF MONTEREY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
AGING AND ADULT SERVICES BRANCH**

**PURPOSE AND PREAMBLE**

- a. This Memorandum of Understanding ("Agreement") is made and entered into by and between Monterey-Salinas Transit District (herein referred to as "MST") and County of Monterey Department of Social Services Aging and Adult Services Branch (herein referred to as "DSS") and its successors and assignees, herein collectively referred to as the "Parties".
- b. The Parties desire to implement the distribution of MST Taxi Vouchers for qualified seniors for the purpose of providing low-cost transportation for short, qualified taxi voucher trips.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

- a. A qualified senior is a resident of the City of Salinas who has provided evidence to DSS that they are 65 years of age, or older, and who lives within the city limits of Salinas.
- b. A qualified taxi voucher trip includes:
  - i. Transportation that originates or ends within the Taxi Voucher service area: City of Salinas (Zone A), or the cities of Carmel, Carmel Valley, Marina, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Pebble Beach, Seaside, Sand City, and Del Rey Oaks (Zone B).
- c. A qualified senior may contact one of the participating taxicab companies to schedule a ride. By presenting the voucher and paying \$3.00 co-pay, a qualified senior can travel the equivalent of up to a meter reading of \$17.00. Only one voucher can be used per one-way trip. Qualified seniors are responsible for costs above the \$17.00 meter reading. Taxi sharing is encouraged, with only one taxi voucher required for a shared ride. In order for the vouchers to be valid and accepted by the taxicab driver, a qualified senior fills out the voucher completely with their customer ID number, name, and signature.
- d. DSS will review documentation to establish program eligibility.
- e. DSS will distribute vouchers to qualified seniors according to paragraph c above.
- f. DSS will comply with all MST recordkeeping requirements and formats, including tracking voucher use by recipient name and ID number.
- g. DSS will provide all necessary staffing and support to ensure the successful operation of the program without expectation of reimbursement or remuneration from MST.
- h. DSS shall have no financial obligation under this Agreement except for the financial obligation arising from DSS' performance of this Agreement.

**SUPPORT PROVIDED BY MST**

MST will provide a limited number of vouchers to DSS for distribution to qualified seniors.

- i. MST will provide technical support to DSS office staff to ensure accurate recordkeeping and proper use of internet-based tools provided by MST.

## **INDEMNIFICATION**

MST shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the DSS, its officers, agents, employees, or subcontractors from any claim, liability, loss, injury or damage arising out of, or in connection with, the performance of this Agreement by the MST and/or its officers, agents, employees or sub-contractors, excepting only loss, injury or damage caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of DSS and/or its officers, agents, employees and subcontractors. It is the intent of the parties to this Agreement to provide the broadest possible coverage for the DSS. The MST shall reimburse the DSS for all costs, attorneys' fees, expenses and liabilities incurred with respect to any litigation in which the MST is obligated to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the DSS under this Agreement.

DSS shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the MST, its officers, agents, employees, and subcontractors from any claim, liability, loss, injury or damage arising out of, or in connection with, the performance of this Agreement by the DSS and/or its officers, agents, employees or sub-contractors, excepting only loss, injury or damage caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of the MST and/or its officers, agents, employees and subcontractors. It is the intent of the parties to this Agreement to provide the broadest possible coverage for the MST. The DSS shall reimburse the MST for all costs, attorneys' fees, expenses and liabilities incurred with respect to any litigation in which the DSS is obligated to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the MST under this Agreement.

## **CANCELLATION**

MST and DSS have the right to terminate their agreement with 30 days' written notice without need to state cause. If DSS is in violation of the terms listed under "Terms and Conditions" MST may immediately suspend or terminate this agreement upon discovery of such a violation(s).

## **ASSIGNMENT**

Neither Party shall have the right to assign its respective rights and obligations hereunder without the written consent of the other Party.

## **NON-EXCLUSIVE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement is non-exclusive, and MST expressly reserves the right to contract with other entities for the same or similar services.

## **LAW AND VENUE**

This Agreement shall be in accordance with the laws of the State of California. Venue shall be within the County of Monterey, California.

## **ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS**

In the event any dispute arising out of this Agreement is brought before a court of law, all reasonable fees and costs shall be awarded to the prevailing party, including expert witness fees. These fees and

costs shall be taxed as costs in that proceeding and shall not necessitate the filing of a separate attempt to recover.

**ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties hereto concerning the subject matter hereof. This Agreement may be modified by mutual written agreement between the Parties.

**SEVERABILITY**

The invalidity of any provision of this Agreement as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction shall in no way affect the validity of any other provision hereof.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

**MST**

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**DSS, Aging & Adult Services**

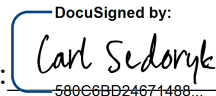
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**CONTRACT TERM**

The term of this Agreement shall begin upon execution by both Parties and end June 30, 2031, and may be extended by mutual written agreement between the Parties.

Monterey-Salinas Transit District

County of Monterey Department of Social Services

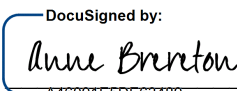
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