

RESOLUTION

NO: 2024-09-125

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

DATE: September 23, 2024

Resolution Authorizing Passthrough Funding Agreement for Transportation Services between Livingston County and the Western Washtenaw Area Value Express (WAVE) - LETS

- WHEREAS,** LETS has an opportunity to increase the availability of public transportation services for Livingston County residents in the southwest portion of the County by partnering with the Western Washtenaw Area Value Express (WAVE) to provide additional service in the region; and
- WHEREAS,** the WAVE is headquartered in Dexter, MI and provides door-to-door public transportation services in western Washtenaw County and limited service in the adjacent rural areas of Ingham and Livingston Counties; and
- WHEREAS,** the WAVE has reported an increase in demand from Livingston County residents requesting transportation to Dexter, Stockbridge, and surrounding areas, but the WAVE and LETS do not have the capacity to increase service levels in the region without additional resources; and
- WHEREAS,** the most cost-effective and efficient solution is a passthrough funding agreement modeled on the successful partnership between LETS and People’s Express, which has provided thousands of rides for Livingston County residents since 2019; and
- WHEREAS,** LETS is eligible to receive additional funding from the Federal Section 5311 Rural Operating Assistance program to support increased service in the rural southwest corner of the County, and the funds can be passed through to the WAVE to provide the service on behalf of LETS; and
- WHEREAS,** the partnership is an exceptional value for the citizens of Livingston County, who will benefit from the additional service availability without the need for local taxpayer funds; and
- WHEREAS,** the agreement term will be one (1) year beginning on October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025 with two (2) additional one-year renewal options; and
- WHEREAS,** the initial term will include FY 2025 Federal funds from the Section 5311 Rural Operating Assistance program estimated at \$17,100 and State funds from the Local Bus Operating program estimated at \$33,260, which will be passed-through to the WAVE on a reimbursement basis upon receipt of the grant funds by the County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Livingston County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes a sub-recipient agreement for transportation services between Livingston County and Western Washtenaw Area Value Express (WAVE) to pass through FY 2025 Federal and State funds from the Section 5311 Rural Operating Assistance program estimated at \$50,360 under the terms and conditions set forth therein for a term of one (1) year beginning October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025 with two (2) additional one-year renewal options.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes any budget amendments needed to effectuate the above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Chair is authorized to sign the agreement and any related documents upon review and approval by Mark Koerner, LETS transit attorney.

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