



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: November 7, 2023

TITLE:

Consider action to approve Resolution No. R-2023-163 of the City Council to the City of Bastrop, Texas, approving a contract with Electric Cabs of North America to provide transportation services in the amount not to exceed one hundred thirty thousand four hundred and ten dollars (\$130,410); attached in Exhibit B; authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents; providing for a repealing clause; and establishing an effective date.

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:

Candice Butts, Main Street Manager

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

Since December of 2019, Bastrop has collaborated with the Lone Star Clean Fuels Alliance and E-Cabs of North America to provide a cost-free, emissions-free, micro-transit ride service using GEM low-speed battery electric vehicles. The US Department of Energy funded this two-year pilot project to explore how well these low-speed electric vehicles could meet a rural community's first and last mile transit needs. Since the City of Bastrop lacks access to ride-share apps such as Uber or Lyft, E-Cabs are able to service our tourists and community with rides within our area. The grant program ended on November 30, 2022

Because of its impact on the community, City Council appropriated funding for the continuation of services in November 2022. Following schedule was approved by City Council which began on December 1, 2022 through November 30, 2023:

Thursday	3:00pm - 9:00pm
Friday	2:00pm - 10:00pm
Saturday	2:00pm - 10:00pm
Sunday	10:00am - 6:00pm
Monday – Wednesday services for Spring Break Week	
Additional cab services for Lost Pines Christmas on December 10, 2022.	

The service schedule has not changed for Fiscal Year 2024. The rate increased to \$81/hr which is a \$6/hr increase from Fiscal Year 2023. A breakdown on Electric Cab of North America's scope of services is attached to the contract.

The free community E-Cabs service has provided a means of transportation to 4,754 riders since December 1, 2022, averaging 432 riders per month. Data shows about 36 percent of users are individuals over 55 years old. In Fiscal Year 2023, the program was funded from the City's Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund, but due to usage statistics that show a less than 1% tourism usage an alternative funding source is needed.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The funding source for the \$130,410 Electric Cab service from one-time expenses from the excess revenues account.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. R-2023-163 of the City Council to the City of Bastrop, Texas, approving a contract with Electric Cab North America to provide transportation services in the amount not to exceed one hundred thirty thousand four hundred and ten dollars (\$130,410); attached in Exhibit B; authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents; providing for a repealing clause; and establishing an effective date.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Resolution R-2023-163
- Professional Services Contract with Electric Cabs of North America
- eCabs Usage Data
- Fiscal Impact Information

