

To: Lamar County
From: Tommy Kennedy, Three Rivers Regional Commission *TK*
Subject: Contract adjustments for fiscal year 2024
Date: June 23, 2023

Three Rivers Regional Commission (TRRC) provides transit service to residents of Lamar County through an annual contract with the County. Three Rivers also provides similar service in six other counties. During fiscal year 2023 TRRC had a contract with a third party operator (TPO). The TPO contract expires on 6/30/23. We have had some on-going challenges with our TPO. After evaluating the transportation needs of the residents in our area, and reviewing the performance of our TPO, TRRC has implemented a plan to transition the service from a TPO to direct management and operation by TRRC effective 7/1/23.

The transit system will continue with the same vehicles, most (if not all) of the same drivers, serving the same customers, using the same phone number. The call center will be moved to the TRRC office and will be under the direct supervision of TRRC. The same grants will be used to finance the service. The dollar amount provided by Lamar County in the FY24 contract and the fares are the same as the amounts in the FY23 contract.

We believe that direct operation by TRRC will allow us to increase the quality and effectiveness of the transit service. We are happy to partner with you in providing this essential service to the residents of Lamar County.