



City of Needles, California Request for City Council Action

☒ CITY COUNCIL ☐ NPUA

☒ Regular ☐ Special

Meeting Date: January 9, 2024

Title: 1) Public Hearing to receive public input on a proposed fare increase for ridership on the Senior/Disabled Dial-a-Ride (DAR) transportation service effective as of February 1, 2024

2) Resolution No. 2024-1 approving a fare increase for ridership on the Senior/Disabled Dial-a-Ride (DAR) transportation service effective as of February 1, 2024

Background: As of October 1, 2019, the City has contracted with Transportation Concepts (contract operator of the deviated fixed route service NAT) to provide daily operation of the Dial-a-Ride (DAR) transportation service. The last DAR fare increase was July 1, 2018 but with the Covid pandemic hitting in 2020 and the effect on ridership, the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) discouraged any fare increases in public transportation. With operating expenses continuing to rise and DAR ridership returning, this fare increase will help offset the farebox recovery and will bring the DAR fare in line with NAT's senior/disabled fare of \$1.25 per boarding. This increase has been discussed with SBCTA staff who agree that the increase is reasonable and prudent at this time.

** Current fare of \$1.10 per boarding for trips in and around Needles

** Proposed fare of \$1.25 per boarding

** Current fare of \$1.10 roundtrip to the senior noon meal program at the Needles Senior Citizens Center

** Proposed fare of \$1.25 roundtrip to the senior center

Fiscal Impact: Additional farebox revenues to the Dial-a-Ride program

Environmental Impact: N/A

Recommended Action: Waive the reading and adopt Resolution No. 2024-1 approving a fare increase for ridership on the Senior/Disabled Dial-a-Ride (DAR) transportation service effective as of February 1, 2024.

Submitted By: Cheryl Sallis, Community Services Manager

City Management Review: *Pat Jones*

Date: 12-20-23

Approved: ☐

Not Approved: ☐

Tabled: ☐

Other: ☐

Agenda Item: _____