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Consent Item

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** June 5, 2025

**TO:** El Dorado County Transit Authority

**FROM:** Erik Bergren, Planning and Marketing Manager

**SUBJECT:** Charter Rate for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025/26

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

**BY MOTION,**

**Approve Charter Rate of \$270 per hour for Fiscal Year 2025/26**

**BACKGROUND**

The El Dorado County Transit Authority (El Dorado Transit) currently provides limited charter services as allowed per State and Federal guidelines. El Dorado Transit establishes an hourly charter rate as per the guidelines set forth in the *Transportation Development Act (TDA), Statutes and California Codes of Regulations, January 2005*.

**DISCUSSION**

The State of California TDA regulations Section 99250 include the following guidance regarding charter services performed by a public transit agency:

1. "...charter bus service rates and minimums shall be established which are...at least equal to the average of the three lowest current rates charged by private charter bus carriers actually operating charters originating in the same service area of the public transportation system during the prior year."
2. "All charter bus service rates shall be reviewed and adjusted not less than semiannually to reflect variations in actual and assumed costs, as well as private charter bus carrier rates."

Staff solicited quotes from private charter providers operating in the service area. The participating operators quotes were based on at least a seven (7) hour charter to include deadhead and fuel surcharges where applicable. Average hourly rates were calculated and ranked from \$200.00 to \$357.14 per hour. The average of the three (3) lowest quotes was \$235.83 per hour. This rate is lower than the current commuter operations cost per hour of \$241.19 as reported in the El Dorado Transit Fiscal Year 2024/25 6-Month Administrative Operations Report.

Staff recommends El Dorado Transit's rate for charter service be set at \$270.00 per service hour for FY 2025/26. Consistent with the TDA regulations, this rate will be non-competitive with private operator's lowest three (3) average rates for similar service and will adequately cover El Dorado Transit's operating costs.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

| <u>Item</u>          | <u>Period</u>          | <u>Rate</u>   |
|----------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Charter Service Rate | Effective July 1, 2025 | \$270.00/hour |