



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

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**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION
SERVICES TO THE RESIDENTS OF TARRANT COUNTY,
PRECINCT 3**

***** CONSENT AGENDA *****

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve the following contracts to provide transportation services to the residents of Tarrant County, Precinct 3.

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
Call A Ride Southlake	\$ 6,000.00
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Fort Worth, Inc.	\$10,000.00
North East Transportation Service	\$10,000.00
Serving Our Seniors	\$10,000.00
Social Transportation for Seniors	\$10,000.00

BACKGROUND

Throughout the County, elderly residents often find it difficult to obtain transportation services for routine medical appointments, shopping excursions, banking, and other essential trips. Transportation assistance can help the elderly population preserve independence and maintain quality of life. The following entities will provide various transportation services to the residents of Tarrant County, Precinct 3.

CALL A RIDE SOUTHLAKE (CARS)

CARS provides dependable transportation services to senior citizens and handicapped citizens for trips to medical facilities within a twenty-five (25) mile radius from Southlake Town Square and a seven (7) mile radius for many other trips. These services are provided by volunteers who use a personal vehicle, time, and gas.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES, DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH (on behalf of HEB Transit)

HEB Transit, through sponsorship by Catholic Charities, provides low-cost transportation service, at a rate of \$3.00 each way or \$6.00 round trip, for HEB residents who need assistance with trips to work or work-related activities, such as job interviews, training, education and childcare. Eligible trips include those that begin and end within HEB, as well as trips to the Trinity Railway Express (TRE) stations at Hurst/Bell and CentrePort/DFW Airport.

SUBMITTED BY:	Commissioner, Precinct 3	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Dee Long
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NORTH EAST TRANSPORTATION SERVICE (NETS)

NETS is a partnership of the cities of Bedford, Euless, Grapevine, Haltom City, Hurst, Keller and North Richland Hills. NETS is a door-to-door, demand responsive para-transit service and is available to any resident of a participating city who is disabled or 65 years of age or older. NETS may be used for medical appointments, socialization, employment, essential shopping and education purposes.

SERVING OUR SENIORS (SOS)

SOS is a non-profit organization established in 1981 with a mission to preserve the independence of seniors in northeast Tarrant County. Transportation services are provided to senior citizens, age 65 or over and age 60 or older, with a disability, but without income qualification. Services are provided by volunteers who supply their vehicle, time, and gas. SOS has also expanded public awareness of this transportation service.

SOCIAL TRANSPORTATION FOR SENIORS

STS offers non-emergency transportation services to seniors age 62 and older, within a seven-mile radius of the intersection of Mid-Cities Boulevard and Davis Boulevard in North Richland Hills.

Each entity must expend these funds for the outlined services within twelve (12) months of execution of the contract. In addition, each entity must submit to Tarrant County a final report as to the program outcomes achieved within sixty (60) days of the end of the requested funding year.

All contracts have been approved as to form by the Criminal District Attorney's Office.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding in the amount of \$46,000.00 will be expensed to 26100-2024 Road & Bridge Fund/6310100000 Precinct 3 General/579061 County Projects, of which \$14,000.00 is offset by donations.