



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

AGENDA ITEM

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DATE: May 24, 2022

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TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT LAW ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE
NORTH COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

On June 20, 2017, the Board of Supervisors authorized a five-year revenue contract between the County of San Diego and the North County Transit District (NCTD) for law enforcement services to be provided by the Sheriff's Department. The current agreement ends June 30, 2022, and NCTD has requested a new contract that continues to include Sheriff's law enforcement services on the commuter trains commonly called the "Coaster" and the "Sprinter", and the Breeze Bus lines. This is a request to approve signature of a new five-year revenue contract between the County of San Diego and the NCTD for law enforcement services for the period July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2027.

RECOMMENDATIONS

SHERIFF

1. Waive Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts – Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery that requires docketing Revenue Contracts with the Board at least 60 days prior to effective date of the contract.
2. Approve and authorize the Clerk of the Board to accept and sign, upon receipt, a five-year revenue contract between the County of San Diego and the North County Transit District for the period July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2027, for law enforcement services to be provided by the Sheriff's Department.
3. Authorize the Sheriff to sign all required contract documents, including any extensions, amendments, and/or revisions thereto that do not materially impact or alter either the program or funding level.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Public safety encompasses more than just enforcement of laws. The Sheriff's Department provides law enforcement services that aim to protect everyone's human right to life, liberty, and security

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of person. Public safety includes engagement, involvement, and connection to the communities being served. The department also strives for equitable and positive outcomes in our communities, which means that the law enforcement services afford our communities a chance to lower crime and improve quality of life throughout the entire jurisdiction. The department is committed to ensuring safety of everyone utilizing the North County Transit District commuter rail service and keeping the associated systems and property as crime free as possible.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 CAO Recommended Operational Plan for the Sheriff's Department. If approved, this request will result in estimated costs and revenue of \$3,800,000 in Fiscal Year 2022-23. The funding source is revenue from the North County Transit District (NCTD). Subsequent year costs and revenues will be included in future year Operational Plans for the Sheriff's Department. Cost and revenue amounts will be adjusted for negotiated salary increases and other cost adjustments or service level changes. Actual costs may differ from estimated costs; however, NCTD will reimburse the County of San Diego for all actual costs. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ADVISORY BOARD STATEMENT

N/A

BACKGROUND

On June 20, 2017, the Board of Supervisors authorized a five-year revenue contract between the County of San Diego and the North County Transit District (NCTD) for law enforcement services to be provided by the Sheriff's Department for the period July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2022. This request will authorize a new contract with NCTD to provide law enforcement services on the commuter trains commonly called the "Coaster" and the "Sprinter", the Breeze Bus lines, and the surrounding areas of the railroad right-of-way between the Orange County/San Diego County border, Escondido and Oceanside Transit Centers, and the layover yard in San Diego.

The services provided by this contract will include:

- Protecting the passengers utilizing the NCTD commuter rail service, including the trains, stations, parking lots, rail equipment, and other property associated with the rail service.
- Investigating criminal acts occurring on-board the commuter trains, at the rail transit stations and the station parking lots.
- Responding to any accident or incident involving any train and train rail carts along any of the rights-of-way and resulting scene management in coordination with any local agency having authority over said scene.
- Coordinating and handling any major incident beyond the normal scope of responsibility of the beat patrol officer.

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This is a request to approve signature of a five-year agreement between the County of San Diego and the NCTD for ten (10) law enforcement deputies, one (1) sergeant and one (1) office assistant for the period July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2027. If approved, authorize the Sheriff to approve any amendments and/or revisions to the revenue contract due to service level changes.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO STRATEGIC PLAN

This request supports the Justice Initiative of the County of San Diego's 2022-27 Strategic Plan by providing law enforcement services to the North County Transit District to protect persons and property and to ensure a safer environment for San Diego County citizens and visitors on and around the "Coaster" and the "Sprinter". In addition, these proposed actions support the Empower Initiative of the County's Strategic Plan by providing excellent customer service and the Sustainability Initiative by ensuring cost recovery on services provided, which is critical in maintaining fiscal stability and long-term solvency.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Anthony C. Ray".

ANTHONY C. RAY
SHERIFF

ATTACHMENT(S)

N/A