



BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

MEETING DATE: APRIL 7, 2026 **AGENDA ITEM #:** 10

TYPE: ACTION ITEM

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REVIEWED BY: GENERAL MANAGER JERRY ESTRADA

SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AND TRANSIT SERVICES
MASTER AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board authorize the General Manager to execute a Transportation Management and Transit Services Master Agreement with City of Santa Barbara to facilitate Downtown-Waterfront Shuttle service.

DISCUSSION:

Santa Barbara MTD and the City of Santa Barbara previously had a Master Agreement in place for nearly thirty years to partner on Downtown-Waterfront Shuttle operations. The previous agreement expired in June 2022.

This new agreement will facilitate the operation of the Downtown-Waterfront Shuttle for Summer 2026 and will provide an agreement for any future service collaborations.

City staff will be bringing this agreement to City Council for approval in the coming weeks. The funding for this summer's operation is currently programmed in the City's Fiscal Year 2026-27 draft budget.

The Downtown-Waterfront Shuttle is planned to operate on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. from the weekend after Memorial Day to Labor Day Monday (with special service on that day).

The route of the Shuttle is the same as last year--one circulator route that serves the Anacapa and Chapala corridors adjacent to State Street, then State Street from Gutierrez to the Waterfront. It also serves the area along Cabrillo Boulevard from the Harbor to the Santa Barbara Zoo.

Attachment:

- Attachment 1 - Transportation Management and Transit Services Master Agreement