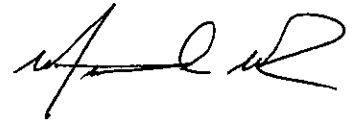


AGENDA ITEM 5 B
Consent Item

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 7, 2009
TO: El Dorado County Transit Authority
FROM: Matt Mauk, Transit Services Assistant
SUBJECT: Charter Rate for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009/10



REQUESTED ACTION:

BY MOTION, Approve Charter Rate of \$134.00 per Hour for FY 2009/10

BACKGROUND

The El Dorado County Transit Authority (El Dorado Transit) currently provides charter services as allowed per State and Federal guidelines. In June 2000, El Dorado Transit adopted a policy to provide charter services exclusively to public service agencies and private non-profit human service organizations. El Dorado Transit establishes an hourly charter rate semiannually as per the guidelines set forth in the *Transportation Development Act (TDA), Statutes and California Codes of Regulations, January 2005*. The charter rate adopted for Fiscal Year 2008/09 was \$132.00 per service hour.

DISCUSSION

The State of California, TDA regulations, Section 99250, includes 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."

Figure 1 details the current rates from five (5) private charter providers operating in the same service area as El Dorado Transit and the average hourly rate based on at least a five (5) hour charter originating in Placerville, including dead-head times where applicable.

Figure 1

Company	Quote for Charter	Hourly	Overage Rate
A Plus/Delta Charters	\$649.00	\$129.80	\$75.00 /hr.
All West Coach lines	\$667.75	\$133.55	\$80.75 /hr.
Ryan's Express	\$819.00	\$136.50	\$78.00 /hr.
Amador Stage Lines	\$1012.86	\$144.69	\$74.92 /hr.
Great American Stage	\$788.22	\$157.64	\$79.40 /hr.
	Avg. Hourly Rate of Low (3)	\$133.28	

Based on the formula provided by the TDA regulations, staff recommends El Dorado Transit's rate for charter service be set at no less than \$134.00 per service hour for at least the first six (6) months of FY 2009/10.

FISCAL IMPACT

<u>Item</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Charter Service Rate	July 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009	\$134.00/hour