

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO PURSUE EITHER THE POTENTIAL FORMATION OF A JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY (JPA) OR THE NEGOTIATION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) FOR THE REGIONAL REGULATION OF TAXICAB SERVICES WITHIN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 53075.5 states that every city or county shall protect the public health, safety, and welfare by adopting an ordinance or resolution regarding the provision of taxicab services within its jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, each individual jurisdiction within the County of Contra Costa is currently responsible for the regulation of taxicab services within its own boundaries, including but not limited to the licensing/permitting of vehicles and drivers, the conduct of driver background checks and testing for controlled substances, vehicle inspections, approval of taxicab rates, and the establishment and enforcement of other operating rules and procedures;

WHEREAS, the County of Contra Costa anticipates that the formation of a single regional taxicab authority, or the negotiation of a regional MOU, would provide a benefit to the residents, visitors, and businesses of the unincorporated area, and those of other participating jurisdictions, through the promotion and establishment of consistent rules and standards for the regulation of taxicab services across the County;

WHEREAS, it is also anticipated that the formation of a single regional taxicab authority, or the negotiation of a regional MOU, would allow taxicab drivers to obtain a single license/permit covering all participating jurisdictions, instead of having to obtain multiple licenses/permits throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, it is also anticipated that the regulation of taxicab services through a single regional authority, or the negotiation of a regional MOU, would create efficiencies that could reduce overall staff time currently dedicated to the administration and regulation of taxicab services, both within the County, and in other participating jurisdictions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County as follows:

1. The County Administrator, in partnership with other participating jurisdictions, is hereby authorized to investigate the feasibility of either forming a joint powers authority (“JPA”) or negotiating a memorandum of understanding (“MOU”) for the regional regulation of taxicab services within Contra Costa County.

2. The County Administrator shall designate a staff representative to work with the representatives of other participating jurisdictions in an effort to determine the

feasibility of either creating a regional JPA or negotiating a regional MOU and, if feasible, to draft agreements and documents necessary to implement such regional JPA or MOU, including but not limited to:

- (i) a proposed JPA among participating jurisdictions,
- (ii) proposed bylaws and uniform taxicab regulations to be adopted by a JPA,
- (iii) an MOU among participating agencies, or
- (iv) any other local resolutions or ordinances necessary to implement the JPA or MOU, all subject to final review and approval by the Board of Supervisors.

3. The County Administrator, or designee, is further authorized and encouraged to participate in regional outreach efforts, along with other jurisdictions, with community stakeholders.

4. The County Administrator, or designee, will continue to provide periodic updates to the Board of Supervisors' Transportation, Water and Infrastructure Committee (TWIC) regarding the work authorized by this Resolution.