LASSEN TRANSIT SERVICE AGENCY RESOLUTION 20-004

RESOLUTION ADOPTING COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR THE LASSEN RURAL BUS SYSTEM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021

WHEREAS, the goal of Lassen Transit Service Agency (LTSA) is to provide mobility for residents and visitors of Lassen County; and,

WHEREAS, transit services are needed from time to time by groups and organizations in Lassen County to facilitate travel for education, recreation, commerce, and other purposes that enhance the quality of life and prosperity of the county; and,

WHEREAS, Section 99250 (b)(2)(d) of the Transportation Development Act (TDA) authorizes the operator of a public transportation system to provide charter bus services to charitable or public service organizations at direct cost if it determines that there is a public need that cannot otherwise be met, at a limit not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or a total of 40 charter buses per year, whichever occurs first; and

WHEREAS, the Lassen Transit Service Agency identifies Community Events that meet the criteria of Section 99250 (b)(2)(d) of the California Transportation Development Act as follows: Senior Light Tour, Special Olympics and the Veteran's Day Parade, and

WHEREAS, these events are subject to review annually to verify compliance with the TDA; and

WHEREAS, any charitable or public service organization wishing to have their event reviewed by the LTSA for inclusion on the Community Events list must request so in writing prior to the LTSA's annual review, and

WHEREAS, the LTSA recognizes that certain events are public events that would be supported by the transit system as a normal course of business, but only run at certain times during the year. The LTSA identifies the Magical Country Christmas, the Bizz Johnson Marathon, New Year's Eve Safe Ride Home and Fair Parades as such public events, and a special route will be advertised in advance of the event where a rider will pay the normal fare for service and thus is not considered a charter; and

WHEREAS, other certain events are public events identified as Charters that are permissible under 49 USC 5323(d) under the condition of an Agreement with the Secretary of Transportation. The LTSA identifies these certain events as the Blues and Brews Festival, Wine Tasting Festival, the Lassen Land & Trails Trust Nature Camp, the Rotary Club Annual Westwood BBQ and the Northern California Cancer Advocates Annual Golf tournament.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lassen Transit Service Agency (LTSA) has adopted Resolution 20-001, setting the 2020-21 Charter Bus Service Direct Cost Rate at \$54.00 per vehicle service hour for regular time and \$45.00 for Direct Cost Standby time in addition to direct fuel costs to be paid at market price for any and all charter services provided and an administrative fee of \$49.40 per charter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the LTSA desires to provide service to these events as a public need; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the charter bus service shall not interfere with regularly scheduled service to the public or compete unfairly with private operators where the private operators are willing and able to provide charter bus service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the LTSA wishes to enter into an Agreement with the Secretary of Transportation that is appropriate to ensure that the LRB meets the requirements of 49 USC 5323(d)

The foregoing resolution was passed and adopted at the June 22nd, 2020 regular meeting of the Lassen Transit Service Agency by the following vote:

AYES: Teeter, Hammond, McCourt, Schuster, and Herrera

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None ABSENT: Hemphill

JEFF HEMPHILL, Chairman Lassen Transit Service Agency