

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



ITEM: 3.35  
(ID # 11261)

**MEETING DATE:**

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

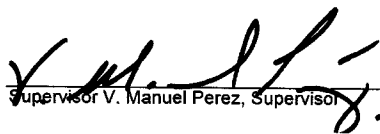
**FROM:** SUPERVISOR JEFF HEWITT AND SUPERVISOR V. MANUEL PEREZ:

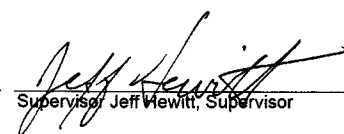
**SUBJECT:** SUPERVISOR HEWITT AND SUPERVISOR PEREZ: Authorization to Accept funds from Sunline Transit Agency [\$0]

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Accept funds in the amount not to exceed \$ 55,000.00 for the current fiscal year from the Sunline Transit Agency, a Joint Powers Authority;
2. Mandates the Director of Veterans Services utilize these funds solely to transport Veterans to medical appointments at Loma Linda Veterans Administration Medical Center, the Veterans Administration Clinic in Palm Desert, or Veterans Administration approved Community Care Providers within the County of Riverside;
3. Mandates the Director of Veterans Services to allow use of funding for fees for Taxi Service, Sun Dial, Privately Operated Vehicles, and other modes of transportation;
4. Mandates the Director of Veterans Services and Director of Office on Aging to establish an Intradepartmental Memorandum of Understanding to support transportation services for veterans;

**ACTION:Policy**

  
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez, Supervisor 11/1/2019

  
Supervisor Jeff Hewitt, Supervisor 11/1/2019

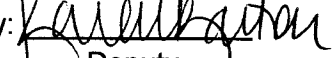
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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Perez, seconded by Supervisor Spiegel and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: November 5, 2019  
xc: Supvr. Hewitt, Supvr. Perez

Kecia R. Harper  
Clerk of the Board

By:   
Deputy

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5. Mandates these funds be utilized to transport Veterans who meet age requirements and needs assessments;
6. The Director of Veterans Affairs shall report to the Executive Office Human Services Analyst with regard to Veteran utilization of this program on a quarterly basis; and
7. Mandates this program be fully operational no later than January 2, 2020.

**BACKGROUND:**

The issue of Veterans Transportation to medical appointments has been brought to the attention of the 4<sup>th</sup> District since 1999. This challenge has yet to be addressed and or resolved. Prior efforts to resolve this important issue have been unsuccessful. Recently 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> District voters approved Measure A funds and did authorize those proceeds to be utilized for Veterans Transportation. This joint effort by the County and Sunline Transit Agency is a step in the long journey of providing transportation to Veterans who need a ride to such appointments and meet the qualifications and eligibility established by federal, state, and county partners. The Intradepartmental MOU will establish all guidelines and regulations. Development of this Intradepartmental MOU has been in progress for the past 120 days. Support for this program is important to assist those Veterans who have served our nation in times of war and peace.

**FISCAL IMPACTS:**

Sunline is providing funds to the County in an amount not to exceed \$ 55,000.00 of which will provide the financial underpinning for this program. County funds may also be used to support this program, as available.