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Transit for Elderly, Disabled in Trona Receives County Support

SAN BERNARDINO – Transit services for the elderly and disabled in the community of Trona will continue after the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors today approved an agreement with the Trona Community Senior Center to provide financial support for the program.

“This is a great example of local government working in partnership with community volunteers to provide a much-needed service,” said First District Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt, who represents the area. “I would like to thank the volunteers who do the day-to-day work of helping these community members get around.”

The program provides dial-a-ride services for seniors and the disabled to doctor appointments, shopping, veterans services and other needs, sometimes as far away as San Bernardino and Barstow.

The agreement with Trona Community Senior Center Operations, Inc. calls for the senior center to be responsible for providing volunteer drivers and dispatchers, while the County, in partnership with the City of Barstow, provides administrative support, along with the costs of vehicle operations, maintenance, insurance and telephones. The cost of the three-year agreement is \$150,700 and is funded by Measure I, the county’s half-percent sales tax for transportation, and by State Local Transportation Funds, which are primarily used to support public transit.

Last fiscal year, the service provided nearly 650 trips while racking up more than 56,000 miles. That means the average trip provided by the service is 86 miles.