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Community Mobility Contracts program

The Community Mobility Contracts program allows cities or a public or private organization to purchase transit service above what Metro is currently able to provide. This program is similar to Metro's existing Service Partnership program, requiring a more significant investment that covers the full cost of providing the service.

The Community Mobility Contracts program is based on three principles:

- Contracts must reflect the full cost of providing the service.
- Contracts cannot come at the expense of other cities or the regional allocation of service.
- The program is intended as a bridge to keep buses on the street until a sustainable funding tool for local transportation is secured.

Metro will offer technical assistance to interested parties to help identify service investments that meet the communities' transit and economic objectives. Once a contract is signed, service would begin at the time of Metro's next quarterly service change, when practical.

Community Mobility Contracts program cost model

The Community Mobility Contracts program requires Metro to recover the full cost of providing transit service. Costs will vary depending on the time of day the service is provided, the type of vehicle needed to provide the service, and whether the purchase of additional buses is required to deliver the service. A summary of the cost model assumptions is provided below. Further cost assumption details are included in the attached document.

- Any new transit service that meets federal, state and local laws can be purchased. The service must be available to the general public.
- If the service falls in the weekday peak period (5-9 a.m. and 3-7 p.m.), pricing will include necessary bus costs.
- Full cost will include an hourly rate and bus costs (if applicable). These costs will be adjusted by a systemwide fare revenue collection rate.
- Hourly costs will be estimated each year in October and will be specific to the size and type of bus used. The final rates will be provided in December after the adoption of the King County biennial budget or mid-biennial budget update.
 - For 2015, the estimated hourly rate ranges from \$140 to \$165.
 - The fare adjustment is estimated to be 27 percent.
- Bus costs will be included for purchases of services that fall into the peak periods.
- The costs for buses will be debt-financed over 12 years. Service purchasers will pay the annualized costs for the period of the contract.

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