



AGENDA STAFF REPORT

Control: 26001199

MEETING DATE: 05/19/2026

LEGAL ENTITY TAKING ACTION: Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT(S): All Districts

SUBMITTING AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: Social Services Agency

DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSON(S): An Tran, 714-541-7773
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SUBJECT: Approve Amendments for School of Origin and Foster Youth Transportation Services

CEO CONCUR	COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW	CLERK OF THE BOARD
Concur	Approve agreement to form	DISCUSSION
		3 Votes Board Majority

Budgeted: N/A	Current Year Cost: N/A	Annual Cost: FY 2026-27 \$475,000 FY 2027-28 \$475,000
Staffing Impact: No	Funding Source: See Financial Impact	Sole Source: No
Current Fiscal Year Revenue: N/A	Section	County Audit in Last 3 years: No

Levine Act Review Completed? Yes

Prior Board Action: 4/25/2023 #28

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

1. Approve renewal and Amendment One to the Master Contract for Children’s School of Origin and Foster Youth Transportation Services to increase funding by \$950,000 for a new aggregate total not to exceed \$2,975,000, for the term of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2028.
2. Authorize the County Procurement Officer or Deputized designee to execute Amendment One to the Contract with HopSkipDrive, Inc. for Children’s School of Origin and Foster Youth Transportation Services to renew the Contract for the term of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028.

SUMMARY:

Approval of the Master Contract and Amendment to the Contract for Children’s School of Origin and Foster Youth Transportation Services will provide transportation to help foster youth remain in the same schools they attended prior to entering foster care.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The goal of Children’s School of Origin and Foster Youth Transportation Services (SOO) Services is to provide youth, ages six to 18, under the supervision of the Court and in out-of-home care, with transportation to and from their school of origin and other destinations as needed to facilitate participation

in activities that promote stability in the youth’s life. The school of origin can be the school the youth attended when they first entered foster care, the school they most recently attended, or any school they attended in the last 15 months that they feel connected to.

SOO Services are an essential program component that removes barriers to placement for youth. Pursuant to state and federal law, if it is determined that remaining in or returning to the child’s school of origin is in the child’s best interest, a transportation plan is developed for the child to attend their school of origin and any available extracurricular activities. Youth served by the Contracts may be placed at Orangewood Children and Family Center, in a resource family home or in another type of placement. Contractors will provide a coordinated system of transportation, with vetted drivers and appropriate vehicles that are maintained in accordance with applicable laws, ordinances and regulations. In addition, the Contractors agree to maintain enough vehicles and drivers necessary to meet the County of Orange (County) needs.

On April 25, 2023, the Social Services Agency (SSA) obtained Board of Supervisors’ (Board) approval for the current Master Contract for Children’s School of Origin and Foster Youth Transportation Services (SOO Services) and Contracts with American Transportation Systems, Inc., First Student, Inc., and HopSkipDrive, Inc. for SOO Services, effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026, in the amount of \$2,025,000.

The following table shows the outcomes for SOO Services for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24, through FY 2025-26.

Outcome Objectives	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26**
Contractor shall maintain a consistent means of transportation, as scheduled by County, to ensure a 95 percent on time performance rate for Youth to be dropped-off at school in the morning. Note: On time performance is achieved when the Youth arrives either before or within five minutes of the designated drop-off time as indicated on the transportation referral.	90%*	88%*	89%*
Contractor shall ensure a 95 percent on time performance rate by arriving at the pick-up location by the designated time on the transportation referral and successfully transport the Youth from school to placement in the afternoon.	97%	97%	96%

*Traffic, long school drop off lines and youth arriving late to the pick-up location in the morning contributed to the on-time performance rate.

**Outcomes for FY 2025-26 through December 31, 2025.

The proposed outcome objectives have been revised as follows:

1. Contractor shall ensure a 95 percent on time performance rate by arriving at the pick-up location by the designated time on the transportation referral and successfully transport the Youth from placement to school in the morning.

2. Contractor shall ensure a 95 percent on time performance rate by arriving at the pick-up location by the designated time on the transportation referral and successfully transport the Youth from school to placement in the afternoon.

SSA now requests the approval of Amendment One to the Master Contract and to the Contract for SOO Services with HopSkipDrive, Inc., to renew the Contracts for two years through June 30, 2028, for a revised cumulative total amount not to exceed \$2,975,000.

The Contractor's performance has been confirmed as satisfactory. SSA has verified there are no concerns that must be addressed with respect to Contractor's ownership/name, litigation status or conflicts with County interests. The Orange County Preference Policy is not applicable to this Amendment. The appropriate due diligence has been conducted and the non-profit has been verified to be in good standing.

Prior to contract expiration, the department plans to issue a solicitation to continue services.

Subcontracts

This Contract does not currently include subcontractors or pass through to other providers. See Attachment C for Contract Summary Form.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Appropriations for the Contract Amendment will be included in Budget Control 063, Social Services Agency FY 2026-27 Budget and will be included in the budgeting process for future years.

This Amendment is funded federal 19 percent, state 56 percent and county 25 percent. Federal and state funds comprise Child Welfare Services. County general funds will be used towards the required match to access federal and state funding.

Contingency of Funds

The proposed Contract includes provisions that the Contract is contingent upon the availability of funds and inclusion of sufficient funds in the budget approved by the Board for each fiscal year the Contract remains in effect or operation. In the event such funding is terminated or reduced, the County may terminate the Contract, reduce the County's maximum obligation or modify the Contract, without penalty.

STAFFING IMPACT:

N/A

REVIEWING AGENCIES/DEPARTMENTS:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A - Amendment One MA-063-23010975 Master Contract

Attachment B - Amendment One MA-063-23010975 with HopSkipDrive, Inc.

Attachment C - Contract Summary Form