



## **CITY OF DORAL COUNCIL MEETING MEMORANDUM**

### **ITEM TITLE:**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) FOR THE CITY OF DORAL ON-DEMAND TRANSIT SERVICE WITHIN CITY LIMITS; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

### **DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval.

### **BRIEF HISTORY:**

The City of Doral Public Works Department (PWD) continually explores ways to provide alternative modes of transportation options to its residents, employees, and visitors as a means to improve mobility and reduce congestion. The City of Doral currently provides two On-Demand Transit service models within City limits. The City provides an on-demand service that covers the City of Doral Downtown, businesses and entertainment areas with the use of three (3) Tesla Model X vehicles that operate Monday through Sunday for a total of 70-hour per week. The City also launched on April 15, 2024, a six (6) month On-Demand Transit service pilot program for Seniors 65+ that provides door-to-door service to 30 destinations assigned by the City within the City limits. This service operates Monday through Sunday for a total of 50-hours per week with the use of two (2) Tesla Model X vehicles. The five (5) On-Demand Transit service vehicles are stored at City facilities.

With the success of the On-Deman Transit service that is provided by Freebee, the Public Works Department plans to increase its existing On-Demand Transit service by increasing the fleet to be able to expand the service coverage area and reduce service wait times. This proposed service increase will decrease congestion by increasing resident accessibility and ultimately reducing the dependency of personal vehicles on the City's roadway network. The City is proposing to increase the general On-Demand Transit service coverage area by increasing the electric vehicles from three (3) to four (4), while maintaining the 70-hours a week service Monday through Sunday. For the Senior 65+ On-Demand Transit service, the City is proposing to increase the number of electric vehicles from two (2) to three (3) while maintain the 50-hours a week service Monday through Sunday.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) invited local agencies located in Miami-Dade County to submit applications for their FY 2026 Transit Service Development Grant. A local match minimum pledge of 50% of estimated project cost is required of all applicants. On May 9, 2024 the Public Works Department applied for the Transit Service Development Grant, requesting a 50% match to increase the number of electric vehicles On-Demand Transit service from three (3) to four (4) for the General service and from two (2) to three (3) for the Senior 65+ service.

On November 22, 2024, the Public Works Department received the Notice of Grant Award from FDOT. In August 2025, FDOT provided the Public Works Department with the Draft Public Transportation Grant Agreement which will provide the 50% grant funding match for the proposed On-Demand Transit expansion for a one (1) year period, expiring on December 31, 2026.

The general On-Demand Transit service has an hourly rate of \$33.58 for 70-hours per week/vehicle and the Senior 65+ has an hourly rate of \$44.59 for 50-hours per week/vehicle.

The On-Demand Transit estimated annual cost for four (4) vehicles servicing the general public will be \$488,924.80 for 70-hours per week. The Senior 65+ cost and three (3) vehicles servicing the Seniors 65+ for 50-hours per week will be \$347,802.00. The total cost of the Program will be \$836,726.80. The total FDOT Grant reimbursement will be \$418,363.40.

It should be noted that funding for the General On-Demand Transit service is budgeted in FY 2025-2026 People's Transportation Plan Fund Account No. 106.80005.500341, and the Senior 65+ On-Demand Transit service is budgeted in FY 2025-2026 Transportation Fund Account No. 101.80005.500341.

#### LEGISLATIVE ACTION: (IF APPLICABLE)

Date:	Resolution/Ordinance No.	Comments

#### FINANCIAL INFORMATION: (IF APPLICABLE)

No.	Amount	Account No.	Source of Funds
1.	\$347,802.00	10180005.500341	On-Demand Transit Senior Program
2.	\$488,924.80	10680005.500341	On-Demand Transit
Total:	\$836,726.80		

**Fiscal Impact Statement:** The proposed item has a fiscal impact in grant revenue funding of \$418,363.40.

#### STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This item follows the Transportation strategic initiative of the City's Strategic Plan as it supports the expansion of on-demand, door-to-door transit service.

#### ATTACHMENT(S):

- A. Draft Resolution
- B. FDOT Public Transportation Grant Agreement