

## City of Bethel Action Memorandum

Action memorandum No.	21-37		
Date action introduced:	11-9-2021	Introduced by:	Peter A. Williams, Interim City Manager
Date action taken:	11-9-2021	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied
Confirmed by:	K M		

**Action Title:** Direct Administration to prepare and submit an FY 2023 Public Transit (5311) Grant application to fund the operation of the Bethel Transit System with a pledge of \$85,000 in local cash match from the City's FY 2023 Budget.

**Attachment(s):** None

Amount of fiscal impact:		Account information:
\$85,000	Funds to be placed in City FY 2023 Budget.	56-50-XXX

### Summary Statement

The City of Bethel has an opportunity to fund Year 14 of the Bethel Transit System. Applications for the FY 2023 Public Transit (5311) Grants are being accepted until December 21, 2021. The grant performance period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

The City plans to fund the transit system by collecting \$40,000 in farebox revenue, requesting approximately \$230,000 in grant funds, and providing \$85,000 in cash match.

During normal non-Covid operating conditions, the transit system provides 2,200-2,800 rides per month. Organizations like the Orutsararmuit Native Council, Tundra Women's Coalition, and Association of Village Council Presidents purchase monthly passes for their clients. The transit system helps employees get to work, seniors get to the Post Office, stores, and utility bill locations, and those individuals and families without vehicles move around town.

The transit budget would fund one full-time transit manager, one full-time driver, and one part-time driver to serve the Green Route, with five-day service to 32 stops every hour.

The City Manager must provide a letter for the grant application that pledges the cash match amount.

Once the grant awards are announced by the State in January or February 2022, City Administration will present to Council another Action Memorandum to approve and accept the grant award and direct the City Manager to sign it.