

Legislation Text

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Ordinance in the Amount of \$919,000 Increasing the Greensboro Transit Authority FY 2018-2019 Transit Operations Budget

Department: Transportation Council District: Citywide

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## PURPOSE:

A budget ordinance needs to be approved by the City Council to increase funding for Transit Operations.

### **BACKGROUND:**

GTA requests a budget ordinance to increase the Transit Operations appropriation for the following items:

1. At the September 25, 2018 meeting, City Council approved awarding a contract to Keolis Transit Services for the Management and Operations of Transit Services provided by the Greensboro Transit Authority. During the FY 2017-2018 budgeting process, GTA estimated the contract value for the next transit service provider, however that value did not include startup costs if a contractor other than TransDev was selected. Keolis was selected and the costs indicated in their Best and Final Offer for the first 6 months of services is less than what was estimated. Despite the lower costs, an additional \$405,000 is needed to fund start-up costs.

2. The current budget for the ADA Complementary Paratransit was based on an estimated 258,928 completed trips. Based on the ten month actual average of completed passenger trips and projections through December 31, 2018, GTA's ADA Complementary Paratransit service will provide approximately 273,379 passengers trips which represents a 5.58% or 14,451 increase in passenger trips over the amount budgeted. The current contract with Transdev, Inc. will be amended to include the additional funds to support the additional eligible operating expenses estimated at \$414,000

3. To address and manage the continued growth and demand of the paratransit services, GTA implemented a six (6) month demonstration program with a company called UZURV to provide an innovative on demand alternative to paratransit service for eligible riders of the GTA's Specialized Community Area Transportation Service (SCAT) Service. The cost of this program is \$100,000.

## **BUDGET IMPACT:**

Additional funding in the amount of \$919,000 needs to be appropriated from GTA fund balance to cover these unanticipated operating expenses.

# **RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:**

The Department of Transportation recommends and requests the City Council adopt the attached ordinance increasing funding to the Greensboro Transit Authority Fund budget by \$919,000.