Title: Amending Resolution No. 25-2021 Regarding the City of Moab’s Commitment to Funding a “Recreational Hotspot” Transit Shuttle Pilot Program

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Attachment(s):
- Resolution No. 25-2021 Regarding the City of Moab’s Commitment to Funding a “Recreational Hotspot” Transit Shuttle Pilot Program
- Moab Region Transit Study presentation

Options: Discussion and approval

Recommended Motion: I move to adopt Resolution No. 25-2021, A Resolution Regarding the City of Moab’s Commitment to Funding a “Recreational Hotspot” Transit Shuttle Pilot Program

Background/Summary: On October 30, 2020, the Grand County Commission and Moab City Council approved a Transit Shuttle Pilot Project to be included in the Arches Region Hotspot Concept Package. As part of this Transit Shuttle Pilot project, UDOT engaged transportation consultants to develop details, costs, and benefits for a five-year Pilot Shuttle system. UDOT contemplates that the initial route for this Transit Shuttle will be along U.S. 191, which is the Moab area’s primary transportation corridor. The consultants will develop a “turn-key” RFP for the Moab community, allowing for the region to contract with an operator to operate the shuttle service, provide the vehicles, store and maintain the vehicles, collect and process fare revenue, etc.

The annual cost for the pilot is estimated to be $500,000. UDOT has indicated its willingness to contribute $1,500,00 to the transit pilot using Hotspot funding, but it requests that the City of Moab and Grand County fund up to $1,000,000 for the program. UDOT requires this commitment from the local community before it will present the Arches Hotspot Region Concept Package to the Transportation Commission, and the County intends to contribute $250,000 to the cost sharing with the City. The County intends to pass a similar resolution during its regular County Commission meeting on June 15, 2021. The program will also be eligible for FTA 5311 funds, which can match up to 50 percent of the program costs.