

Moab City Council Agenda Item
Meeting Date: September 28, 2021

Title: Transit Pilot Cooperative Agreement with UDOT

Disposition: Discussion and possible action

Staff Presenter: Chuck Williams, City Engineer

Attachment(s):

Attachment 1 – Transit Pilot Cooperative Agreement with UDOT

Attachment 2 – Utah Transportation Commission Meeting Fact Sheet

Attachment 3 – Financial Plan for Operations

Attachment 4 – Moab Transit Shuttle Study

Recommended Motion:

“I move to approve the Transit Pilot Cooperative Agreement with UDOT and authorize the Mayor to sign it.”

Background/Summary:

In Senate Bill 277, the 2017 Legislature approved the use of \$100 million for transportation improvements in areas with recreation and tourism activity that currently experience significant congestion. With that criteria, UDOT established a prioritization process and the Utah Transportation Commission identified four areas that warranted further evaluation, which included the City of Moab. This project was subsequently awarded funds (see Attachment 2) through the Utah Transportation Commission in conjunction with two other projects: a trail in Spanish Valley and a dispersed parking project in the City. The City is not directly involved with the trail project and the dispersed parking project will be addressed as a separate agenda item for Council. The agreement (see Attachment 1) establishes annual funding obligations and administrative roles between the City and UDOT for the development and operation of a shuttle service. UDOT has had a consultant prepare a Moab Transit Shuttle Study (see Attachment 4), which the City has reviewed and approved. UDOT will reimburse the City for up to \$1,585,000 towards the project. City financial obligation (see Attachment 3) will be ongoing as long as the shuttle remains in service.

City engineering and legal staff have reviewed the Agreement, and in accordance with previous Council and Arches Hotspot Committee actions, recommend it for approval.