

Moab City Council Agenda Item
Meeting Date: January 25, 2022

Title: Ordinance No. 2022-02 Authorizing the Transit Project

Disposition: Discussion and possible action

Staff Presenter: Chuck Williams, City Engineer

Attachment(s):

Attachment 1 – Ordinance No. 2022-02

Recommended Motion:

“I move to approve Ordinance No. 2022-02 Amending the City Of Moab Municipal Code To Authorize a Transit Pilot Project; Authorizing the Mayor to Sign Various Certifications; And Authorizing Procurement for System Operators 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 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 project.

Last year, Council approved an agreement with UDOT establishing annual funding obligations and administrative roles between the City and UDOT for the development and operation of a shuttle service. UDOT will reimburse the City for up to \$1,585,000 towards the project. Total annual reimbursement available will decrease each year over the course of a five year schedule. City financial and administrative obligation will be ongoing as long as the shuttle remains in service. The City will also pursue additional funding through the Federal Transit Authority (FTA). These funds are administered by UDOT, and will likely not be available in the first year of operation.

Ordinance No. 2022-02 will authorize the transit project and subsequent procurement of system operators, and empower the Mayor to approve additional minor certifications not covered in Resolution No. 02-2022.

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance so that the City will be eligible for Federal transit funding opportunities.