

**Moab City Council Agenda Item**  
Meeting Date: March 8, 2022

**Title:** Approval of the 5 Year Transit Pilot Project Budget

**Disposition:** Discussion and possible action

**Staff Presenter:** Chuck Williams, City Engineer

**Attachment(s):**

Attachment 1 – Original Adopted Budget

Attachment 2 – Proposed Alternative Budget including FTA ARPA Funds dated March 8, 2022

**Recommended Motion:**

“I move to Approve a Proposed Alternative Budget dated March 8, 2022, including FTA ARPA Funds and Authorize the Mayor to sign appropriate Contract Documentation as needed.”

**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 has been addressed by Council as a separate project.

Last year, Council approved a negotiated agreement with UDOT establishing annual funding obligations and administrative roles between the City and UDOT for the development and operation of a Transit Pilot Program. In that agreement 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 Moab Area Transit (MAT) system remains in service. Per the budget originally associated with the UDOT agreement the City has also pursued additional funding through the Federal Transit Authority (FTA). These funds are administered by UDOT and are not available in the first year of operation. (See attachment 1).

In addition, the City staff pursued FTA American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the MAT and has been awarded a “no cost share” amount of \$1 million for the project. If Council approves the “Proposed Alternative Budget dated March 8, 2022 including FTA ARPA Funds” the City will accept the FTA ARPA funds and increase the original level of service by:

- Adding 1 fixed route vehicle in year one and evaluating system for the future years
- Add a ½ time Transit Coordinator
- Add shuttle stop improvements if appropriate locations are found

Staff recommends adoption of the “Proposed Alternative Budget dated March 8, 2022 including FTA ARPA Funds” so that the City can provide an increased level of service with the Moab Area transit system.