

Via Mobility Services Contract (\$4,607,599.12)

Requesting approval of Via Mobility Services contract to operate the Lyons Flyer and Ride Free Lafayette bus routes.

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Questions received from the BOCC

"In the presentation on the item, I would like to see the documentation from the FTA that we have completed all steps to become a designated recipient and I would like to see the sources of funding associated with the project. Last I would like to see total expenses to date for these routes and total ridership numbers for these routes and for similar routes that RTD runs in the community."

FTA Process



- In December 2023, FTA acknowledged that Boulder County completed all the necessary steps to become a direct recipient of FTA ARPA funds. See attached documentation.
- Boulder County began the procurement process in accordance with county and federal requirements to identify a transit service provider for the county's transit routes that would be funded with the FTA ARPA funds, including the Ride Free Lafayette on-demand service and the Lyons Flyer fixed route service.
- The BOCC adopted 2024 budget includes county and FTA ARPA funds to support operations of the Ride Free Lafayette and Lyons Flyer transit services.
 - County funds have been used to support operating costs for these routes through the completion of this procurement process and if this contract is approved with Via Mobility Services, then the FTA ARPA funds will be used to fund these services beginning in late April 2024 through the end of the contract term in 2028.
- Feb 20, 2024, BOCC approved the award of RFP-016-23 to Via Mobility Services to operate these transit services.

Lyons Flyer



Funding

- 2022: \$96,820.00 total cost (\$51,820.00 BoCo, \$45,000.00 RTD)
- 2023: \$127,413.76 total cost (\$60,026.57 BoCo, \$60,000.00 RTD, \$7,387.19 State)
- 2024: \$155,000.00 est. total cost (\$128,000.00 FTA, balance BoCo)

Ridership

- 2022: 2,071 (partial year)
- 2023: 6,154
- 2024: 1,115 (through March)

RTD Route “Y” Ridership

2019: 20,735 (Pre-Covid)

Ride Free Lafayette

Funding

- 2020: \$159,253.40 total cost (\$76,167.35 BoCo, \$83,086.05 DRCOG)
- 2021: \$332,065.80 total cost \$182,323.23 BoCo, \$149,742.57 DRCOG)
- 2022: \$441,391.08 total cost (\$300,809.02 BoCo, \$140,582.06 DRCOG)
- 2023: \$478,721.80 total cost (\$350,599.15 BoCo, \$118,496.25 DRCOG, \$9,626.40 State)
- 2024: \$628,658 total cost (\$256,000 BoCo, \$372,658 FTA)

Ridership

- 2020: 3,189 (partial year)
- 2021: 15,250
- 2022: 16,514
- 2023: 16,046
- 2024: 3,751 (through March)

RTD FlexRide Ridership – Pre-Covid

2019 Louisville: 9,196

2019 Superior: 10,101

Requested Action from BOCC



Approve contract with Via Mobility Services for \$4,607,599.12 for operation of Lyons Flyer and Ride Free Lafayette routes from 2024-2028, including annual review to determine whether to extend

Questions?

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