



### SUBSIDIZED TRANSPORTATION POLICY EL-F-2.3

#### Issue

Subsidized Transportation Policy EL-F-2.3 is provided for Council’s approval.

#### Motion Proposed by Administration

That Subsidized Transportation Policy EL-F-2.3 be approved as recommended by the Governance and Priorities Committee.

#### Report, Analysis and Financial Implications

Council directed Administration to create a policy outlining the purpose, guidelines, and eligibility criteria for longstanding subsidized transportation programs that support residents to remain active participants in the community. These programs contribute to social inclusion, belonging, quality of life, equity, and social cohesion of residents. After reviewing these programs, Administration found that additional information was necessary to enhance the policy. Therefore, a report was compiled summarizing the current status, impact, challenges, opportunities, and recommendations for both programs. These recommendations informed policy development.

On May 21, 2024, the report and Subsidized Transportation Policy EL-F-2.3 was provided to the Governance and Priorities Committee for discussion and direction. The Committee was in support of the policy, which establishes expectations of Council for these programs.

#### Strategic Plan Goals

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Responsibly Managed Growth	<input type="checkbox"/>	Demonstrated Environmental Leadership
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Strong Local Economy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Enhanced Culture & Community Health
<input type="checkbox"/>	Organizational Excellence		

#### Equity/Diversity/Inclusivity Impacts and Strategy

These two subsidized transportation programs support eligible residents in fully participating in the community for the purpose of contributing to sense of belonging, social cohesion and reduced isolation.

#### Environmental Impacts

n/a

#### Public Participation Strategy

Public engagement was not conducted since the policy primarily formalizes existing programs with minor changes. Future program reviews will incorporate public engagement to gain an understanding of user characteristics and experiences. The reasoning behind this is that user

information will enrich the data, making it more comprehensive to inform future quality improvement of these programs.

**Alternatives for Consideration**

n/a

**CAO Comments**

This policy captures the service levels of today. As the Social Master Plan is finalized and completed this year, it will be updated to reflect the service levels required by Council to serve the community.

**Attachment(s)**

1. Subsidized Transportation Policy EL-F-2.3
2. Subsidized Transportation Review Report from GPC

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