

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR ORDINANCE NO. 251053, AS AMENDED

Authorizing the City Manager to enter into Amendment No. 1 to the 2025-2026 Transit Services Agreement with the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (“KCATA”) in the amount of \$13,331.672.00; appropriating \$5,000,000.00 for street resurfacing from the Unappropriated Fund Balance of the Capital Improvements Sales Tax Fund (3090); reducing \$5,000,000.00 of street resurfacing expenditures in the Public Mass Transportation Fund (2080); increasing \$5,000,000.00 of street resurfacing expenditures in the Capital Improvements Sales Tax Fund (3090); reducing \$5,000,000.00 in appropriations and appropriating \$5,000,000.00 from the Unappropriated Fund Balance of the Public Mass Transportation Fund (2080); reducing Contingent Appropriation in the amount of \$6,203,729.00 in the General Fund; waiving the limitations established by the Fund Balance and Reserve Policy in Section 2-1954 of the Code of Ordinances; directing the City Manager to include certain conditions in Amendment No. 1 of the Transit Services Agreement; appropriating \$7,501,361.00 from the Unappropriated Fund Balance of the General Fund (1000); and recognizing this ordinance as having an accelerated effective date.

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget appropriated \$77,892,519 for the KCATA; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 250679 directed the City Manager to prepare a plan to fund KCATA at a total of \$93.4 million; and

WHEREAS, the KCATA reports a revised funding need of \$89,892,519, an increase of \$12,000,000 over the Fiscal Year 2025-26 appropriation; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 250679 does not include cost of on-demand IRIS service which is estimated to total approximately \$3.9 million; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has recommended a combination of funding from a variety of sources including moving \$5 million in street resurfacing expenses to the Capital Improvements Fund from the Public Mass Transportation Fund to allow for \$5 million in funding for the additional KCATA contract amendment; and

WHEREAS, the KCATA owes the City of Kansas City a credit totaling \$830,311.00 for IRIS passenger fares collected during the 2024-2025 contract period; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager also recommends either the use of KCATA reserves or the use of the remaining balance of the Contingent Appropriation in the General Fund in the amount of \$6.2 million combined with \$1.3 million from the Unappropriated Fund Balance of the General Fund to round out the funding sources for the KCATA contract amendment; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into Amendment No. 1 to the 2025-2026 Transit Services Agreement with the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority

(“KCATA”) in the amount of \$13,331,672.00 to provide transit services for the City of Kansas City, Missouri including 2025-2026 IRIS services which shall be limited to the Northland of Kansas City, MO beginning on January 4, 2026 utilizing funds appropriated herein.

Section 2. That the sum of \$5,000,000.00 is hereby appropriated from the Unappropriated Fund Balance of the Capital Improvements Sales Tax Fund, Fund No. 3090, to the following account:

26-3090-897701-B-89008533	Street Resurface	\$5,000,000.00
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Section 3. That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized to reduce the expenditure in the following account of the Public Mass Transportation Fund, Fund No. 2080, by the following amount:

26-2080-897701-B-89008533	Street Resurface	\$5,000,000.00
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Section 4. That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized to increase the expenditure in the following account of the Capital Improvements Sales Tax Fund, Fund No. 3090, by the following amount:

26-3090-897701-B-89008533	Street Resurface	\$5,000,000.00
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Section 5. That the appropriation in the following account of the Public Mass Transportation Fund, Fund No. 2080, is hereby reduced by the following amount:

26-2080-897701-B-89008533	Street Resurface	\$5,000,000.00
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Section 6. That the sum of \$5,000,000.00 is hereby appropriated from the Unappropriated Fund Balance of the Public Mass Transportation Fund, Fund No. 2080, to the following account:

26-2080-692000-F	KCATA – Operations	\$5,000,000.00
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Section 7. That the appropriation in the following account of the General Fund, Fund No. 1000, is hereby reduced by the following amount:

26-1000-179990-B	Contingent Appropriation	\$6,203,729.00
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Section 8. That the City Council hereby waives Sections 2-1954(f)(2)(B), (f)(4)(B)(v), and (f)(9)(F), Code of Ordinances entitled “Fund Balance and Reserve Policy” for the purpose of appropriating funds from the General Fund outside of the annual budget process or quarterly budget analysis, for appropriating funds in the Public Mass Transportation Fund below recommended reserve levels, and to allow KCATA to use fund balance reserves below recommended levels. The Council finds that waiver of the Fund Balance and Reserve Policy is in the best interests of the City for the limited purposes of this Ordinance.

Section 9. That the sum of \$7,501,361.00 is hereby appropriated from the Unappropriated Fund Balance of the General Fund, Fund No. 1000, to the following account:

26-1000-692000-F	KCATA – Operations	\$7,501,361.00
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Section 10. That the City Manager is directed to include the following additional conditions in Amendment No. 1 of the Transit Services Agreement:

- Ensure a \$830,311.00 credit owed to the City from the KCATA is utilized to offset IRIS transit service costs during the 2025-2026 contract.
- Require the KCATA to utilize its reserve fund balance above that required by Section 2-1954(f)(9)(F), Code of Ordinances, to refund the City for payment of transit service costs in the 2025-2026 contract, notwithstanding the KCATA reserve expenditure required by this Section.
- Require the KCATA to explore alternative budgeting solutions such as priority-based budgeting to identify further efficiencies and improve financial transparency.
- Require KCATA to utilize \$2,586,983.00 of its KCATA sales tax reserve for operational costs.
- Prohibit the KCATA from removing sitting benches at bus stops or from replacing sitting benches with leaning benches without City Council approval.
- Require the KCATA to replace existing leaning benches with sitting benches at all KCATA bus stops.

Section 11. That the Director of Public Works is hereby designated as requisitioning authority for Account Nos. 26-1000-692000-F, 26-2000-692000-F.

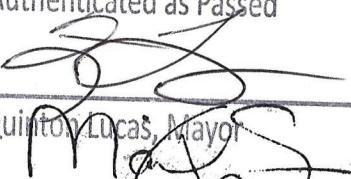
Section 12. That this ordinance relating to the appropriation of money and the expenses of government is recognized as an ordinance with an accelerated effective date as provided by Section 503(a)(3)(C) of the City Charter and shall take effect in accordance with Section 503, City Charter.

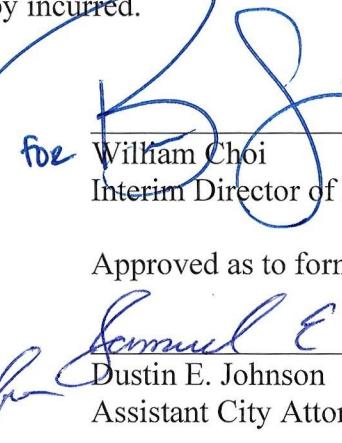
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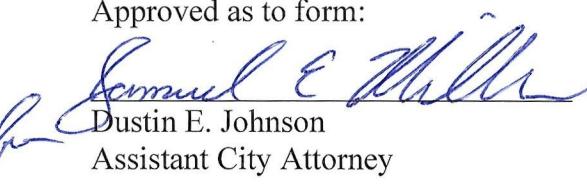
I hereby certify that there is a balance, otherwise unencumbered, to the credit of the appropriation to which the foregoing expenditure is to be charged, and a cash balance, otherwise unencumbered, in the treasury, to the credit of the fund from which payment is to be made, each sufficient to meet the obligation hereby incurred.

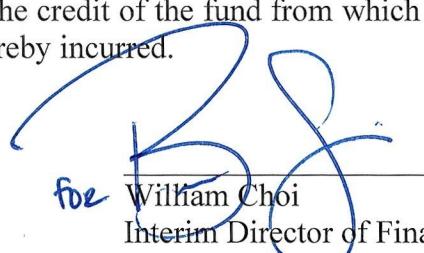


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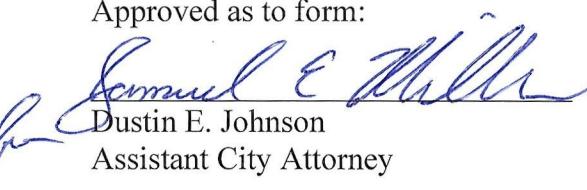
  
Quinton Lucas, Mayor

  
Marilyn Sanders, City Clerk

  
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Date Passed

  
for William Choi  
Interim Director of Finance

Approved as to form:

  
Dustin E. Johnson  
Assistant City Attorney