

## City of Bethel Action Memorandum

Action memorandum No.	19-80		
Date action introduced:	December 10, 2019	Introduced by:	William F. Howell, Acting City Manager
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Confirmed by:	KM		

**Action Title:** Direct Administration to prepare and submit an FY 2021 Public Transit (5311) Grant application to fund the operation of the Bethel Transit System with \$79,198 in local cash match from the City's FY 2021 Budget.

**Attachment(s):** Prospective Match Letter for Application.

Amount of fiscal impact:		Account information:
\$79,198	Funds to be placed in City FY 2021 Budget.	56-50-XXX

### Summary Statement

The City of Bethel has an opportunity to fund Year 12 of the Bethel Transit System. Applications for the FY 2021 Public Transit (5311) Grants are being accepted until December 20, 2019. The State Transit Office intends to provide award notice on January 20, 2020 for the performance period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

The City plans to fund the transit system by collecting \$40,000 in farebox revenue, requesting \$227,687 in grant funds, and providing \$79,198 in cash match.

Currently, the transit system provides 2,200-2,800 rides per month. Over the last six months, the Orutsararmuit Native Council has been purchasing 55 monthly senior passes and 16 monthly caregiver passes. Other organizations, like the Tundra Women's Coalition and Association of Village Council Presidents also purchase monthly passes for their clients.

The transit budget would fund one full-time transit manager, one full-time driver, and one part-time driver to serve the Green Route, with six-day service to 32 stops every hour.

The City Manager must provide a letter for the grant application that pledges the cash match amount. See last year's letter attached.

Once the grant is announced by the State, City Administration will present to Council another Action Memorandum to approve and accept the grant award and direct the City Manager to sign it.