City Council Agenda Item Request
Submit to Clerk's Office
No later than 30 days before proposed Council meeting

1. **Date submitted to Clerk's Office:** September 9, 2025

2. **Primary contact person and Department requesting agenda item:** Ashley Haire, Transportation Director; Jessica Morriss, Assistant Director; Christopher Whitlock, Transit Division Manager

3. **Requested Council meeting date:** October 14, 2025

4. **Subject:** Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend the existing Paratransit Contract between the City of Asheville and Buncombe County to reflect an increase of $10,794.83 in funding for Fiscal Year 2025.

5. **Action Requested:** Adoption of resolution authorizing the City Manager to increase by $10,794.83 the funding for Fiscal Year 2025, bringing the original FY2025 cost from $1,211,815 to $1,222,609.83 and to increase the current existing Paratransit Contract, between the City of Asheville and Buncombe County, amount from $2,962,310.34 to $2,973,105.17.

6. **Note if time sensitive, and why:** Yes, the City has to pay the June 2025 invoice to continue paratransit services.

7. **Potential fiscal impact(s) - if known by staff at time of request:** This resolution includes an increase of $10,794.83 for FY2025, bringing the original FY2025 cost from $1,211,815 to 1,222,609.83 and to increase the current existing Paratransit Contract, between the City of Asheville and Buncombe County, amount from $2,962,310.34 to $2,973,105.17.

8. **Identify all vendor outreach for Minority & Women Owned Business Enterprises (MWBE).**
    - N/A. This is a current contract.

9. **Identify all Boards, Commissions and Council Committees with tentative dates - add in the vote and recommendation from each Board:** None. This is an administrative action.

10. **Identify key issues:**
    - The City of Asheville contracts with Buncombe County to provide the federally-required ADA Paratransit Services.
    - Resolution No. 24-141 authorized a total of $1,211,815 in paratransit costs for Fiscal Year 2025 to be added to the contract. However, the actual cost for Fiscal Year 2025 was $10,794.83 more than was originally estimated, for a total of $1,222,609.83.
    - Therefore, this request seeks to add $10,794.83 to the contract for Fiscal Year 2025 and bring the total cumulative contract value from $2,962,310.34 to $2,973,105.17.
    - The budget increase reflects the growing usage by individuals who meet and qualify under ADA paratransit service guidelines.
    - This service is mandated under federal requirements to ensure complementary paratransit service within ¾ of a mile of fixed-route transit services. The City of Asheville extends this service city-wide to all eligible individuals who meet ADA certification.