



**Meeting Name: Public Services Committee**

Meeting Date: June 10, 2025

Item Name: ADA Border Expansion Plan

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**Department:** Augusta Transit

**Presenter:** Sharon Dottery

**Caption:** A motion to approve the expansion of the ADA Paratransit Border.

**Background:** ADA Paratransit service is an origin-to-destination bus service that is available to qualifying persons with permanent or temporary disabilities. Paratransit is a unique service that is designed for individuals whose disabilities can prevent them from using (AT's) Fixed Route service. Paratransit compliments (AT's) Fixed Route service by providing services at the same times and days of the fixed routes. When a fixed route in a particular area operates on a limited schedule, Paratransit services will operate at the same limited schedule. Paratransit is designed to maximize the mobility of persons with disabilities to allow access to shopping centers, medical facilities, educational centers and other areas. Paratransit is a shared-ride transportation service which means more than one passenger will be scheduled to ride at the same time. It is recommended to allow enough travel time to arrive at designations on time. The service area is within 3/4 mile of either side of the fixed bus routes. The guidelines stated above are federal requirements and will continue to be followed.

**Analysis:** Expansion of the ADA Paratransit border will cover areas of South Augusta that is now considered Urban based on the 2020 Census and can no longer be serviced by the GDOT Rural 5311 program. This expansion will cover area not presently covered by Fixed Route Service.

**Financial Impact:** The total cost of the project is \$459,144 for a twelve-month period. This is the operating cost of the service to be paid through revenue hours adding an additional 700 hours. We are currently averaging approximately 1,000 hours per month.

**Alternatives:** Deny request.

**Recommendation:** Approve expansion plan so that Augusta Transit can move forward with purchasing more paratransit vehicles and the employment of more bus operators.

**Funds are available in the following accounts:**

**REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:** N/A