

**SUBMITTED BY:** Perri Gojkovich, Transit Manager

**MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW:** Ana Urquijo, City Manager

**FOCUS AREA:** Strengthen Trade and Commerce

**ORGANIZATIONAL  
IMPROVEMENTS:**

**SUBJECT:** **RESOLUTION NO. 26-1716**, a Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Douglas, Cochise County, Arizona, **AUTHORIZING** the **SUBMISSION** of **TWO-YEAR GRANT APPLICATION** to the Arizona Department of Transportation encompassing October 1, 2026 to September 30, 2028 time frame for section **5311** and **5339 RURAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM** funds to continue to provide public transportation services via the **DOUGLAS RIDES PROGRAM**.

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The city is now entering its fourteenth year of managing the transit program. The Transit 5311 and 5339 grant application is due to ADOT February 18, 2026 for the next two federal fiscal years funding, which will begin October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2028. Staff is in the midst of budget preparation for the new grant application for a two-year funding cycle, which will include capital needs as well as administrative, operating, preventive maintenance and capital funds to continue the program.

**BACKGROUND:**

The transit program has shown to be successful with 58,361 rides provided last year and provides a much needed service to the community. Ridership numbers are steadily starting to grow at about 17% and continue to fulfill a connection to Bisbee and Sierra Vista, which includes stops at Cochise College. The Cochise Connection route has increased ridership and provided another source of transportation to our residents and the region. The grant will continue to fund administrative, operations, preventive maintenance and capital needs of the City of Douglas Transit Department.

**DISCUSSION:**

Staff recommend approval to submit the grant application to ADOT for the FY2026 2-year funding cycle.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

ADOT reimburses 80% of administrative costs, 58% of operating costs, 80% of preventive maintenance funds and 90% of capital costs. Local match funding is being met with partnerships from Cochise College, Freeport McMoran, SEAGO, business advertising and the contractual service provided to the City of Bisbee. Staff will continue to seek grants, partnerships and other methods to meet the local match funding to minimize the impact to the General Fund.

**Fiscal Year:** 2026/2027 and 2027/2028 **Amount Requested:** \$

**Budgeted:** Y / N

**Account (s):**

**“...I MOVE THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 26-1716.”**