

SUBMITTED BY: Xenia Gonzalez, Neighborhoods Resources and Grants Director

MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW: Ana Urquijo, City Manager

FOCUS AREA: Collaboration

ORGANIZATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS: Benefit and efficiencies to City of Douglas and Cochise College to provide reliable passenger transportation services to college riders

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION NO. 24-1604**, a Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Douglas, Cochise County, Arizona, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a renewal to the **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT** between the City of Douglas and Cochise College to provide **RELIABLE PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION** services to college riders; combining resources to continue to promote educational opportunities and foster economic development in the City of Douglas.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Renewal of IGA between city and Cochise College for Douglas Rides/Cochise Connection to provide transportation to their Douglas and Sierra Vista campuses.

BACKGROUND:

Douglas Rides and Cochise College wish to renew the IGA that transports students from Douglas and Bisbee to the Douglas Cochise College campus, originally entered four years ago.

The total contract price that will be paid by the college for FY 24/25 is \$26,000 (no change from the previous IGA). The College wishes to continue to subsidize the cost for all college riders, whether it's going to the Douglas or Sierra Vista Campus.

There will be an increase in the discounted fares and passes. Cochise College will continue to sell the passes on their campuses and verify current student enrollment. Below are the fares and passes

College riders will pay the same fare to cover the cost to ride the bus as follows:

Douglas or Bisbee riders going to Douglas Campus:	\$0.50 per ride
Riders going to or from Sierra Vista Campus:	\$1.00 per ride
AND/OR	
Douglas or Bisbee riders going to Douglas Campus Semester Pass:	\$25.00
Riders going to or from Sierra Vista Campus Semester Pass:	\$50.00

Typically, the city performs 4 trips daily, Monday through Thursday to the college from Douglas and 2 trips daily from Bisbee. The city can accommodate the request with existing resources.

For the calendar year 2023, Douglas Rides transported a total of 13,497 college riders. 8,911 college riders were transported on the Douglas Rides college route and 4,586 were transported on the Cochise Connection route.

DISCUSSION & RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends partnering with the college through this IGA and continuing with the contract price of \$26,000.

FISCAL IMPACT:

\$26,000 in contract revenue for the transit fund

“...I MOVE THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 24-1604.”