



## REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

**AGENDA DATE:** December 20, 2021

**AGENDA ITEM:** Consider approval of the Grand Rapids Autonomous Vehicle Master Services Agreement with May Mobility

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### **BACKGROUND:**

As the City Council has previously discussed and taken action on, the City of Grand Rapids and May Mobility Inc. were successful in the Minnesota Department of Transportation CAV Challenge, which will provide funding for the Minnesota Autonomous Rural Transit Initiative (goMARTI.com) an autonomous shuttle service, pilot project.

The proposed agreement addresses the City's previously stated commitment of funding to this project and the required deliverables from May Mobility. Multiple outside funding sources, including MNDOT, IRRR, the Blandin Foundation, DEED, Mobility Mania, IASC, and others have already been secured and will leverage the City's contribution of \$324,000 to the projects estimated total cost of \$3.7M.

The \$324,000 City contribution is \$24,000 greater than originally planned. This increase represents 50% of the cost to lease operational (office and garage) space for the duration of the project. The initial plan was to use existing garage space at the former primary treatment plant site; however, the adaptation of that space for this use was cost prohibitive.

It is planned that this expense will be funded out of a combination of \$300,000 of the City's American Recovery Plan Act federal allotment and excess funds carried over from the 2021 City PIR account.

### **REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:**

Make a motion to approve the Grand Rapids Autonomous Vehicle Master Services Agreement with May Mobility.