



# Town of Johnstown

## TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS

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<b>AGENDA DATE:</b>	May 16, 2022
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Multimodal Mitigation Options Fund (MMOF) Joint Submittal for Via Mobility Paratransit in Johnstown
<b>ACTION PROPOSED:</b>	Consider Multimodal Mitigations Options Fund (MMOF) Joint Submittal for Via Mobility Paratransit in Johnstown
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Via Pilot Summary and Data</li><li>2. Via Pilot Outreach Presentation</li></ol>
<b>PRESENTED BY:</b>	Matt LeCerf, Town Manager

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### **AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:**

In Fall 2021, the Northern Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NRFMPO) partnered with Via Mobility Services on a pilot rural public transit service in Weld County. Communities including Johnstown were part of this pilot program. The pilot program ran for a six-month period from August 2021 – February 2022. During that time, a total of 461 trips were completed and 74 of those trips were from Johnstown residents, representing 32% of all riders during the pilot program. As part of this service, our the Johnstown Senior Center Coordinator supported the program with outreach. The senior center group mentioned how excited they were to receive the service and emphasized a desire to see this service return as it has become difficult for older adults to find transportation to destinations outside of the Town.

Currently available are Multimodal Mitigation Option Funds (MMOF) which provides a funding source for mobility transit services. The NFRMPO and Weld County are discussing and considering the merits to submitting an application that would serve the Towns of Johnstown, Milliken, Eaton, Severance, and unincorporated areas of Weld County within the NFRMPO. As part of this application, Weld County who would lead the program on our behalf, is trying to assess which entities would participate. The estimated cost for the program each year is \$228,300 annually. The participating entities would be responsible for 50% of this cost and this cost would be based on the ridership percentage from the pilot program (Johnstown represents 32%). Accordingly, the Town is being requested as part of this application, to support funding equal to \$30,062.12 each year for the two years of the application.

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The deadline for the MMOF Grant is June 3, 2022. While this is an extremely quick turnaround, Weld County feels confident they can complete the application to the NFRMPO within the required deadline. Awards are expected around October 2022 and funding may need to be appropriated in this fiscal year if the application is successful. In the second year of the program, which would be within FY 2023, funds would be proposed for appropriation in the FY 2023 budget. Staff is requesting support of this application at this time and would administratively notify Weld County of its intent to support the application financially to the NFRMPO.

Cory Schmitt, Mobility Manager and/or Hanna Johnson, Mobility Coordinator, representing the NFRMO will be in attendance to present and answer any questions you may have about the program.

**LEGAL ADVICE:**

Not Applicable.

**FINANCIAL ADVICE:**

Funds may need to be appropriated in FY 2022 for this project.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Staff recommends approval supporting the application to the NFRMPO by Weld County for MMOF funding for Mobility Paratransit Service in Johnstown.

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**SUGGESTED MOTIONS:**

**For Approval:** I Move We Approve Support the Multimodal Mitigations Options Fund (MMOF) Joint Submittal for Via Mobility Paratransit in Johnstown.

**For Denial:** I Move We Deny the Multimodal Mitigations Options Fund (MMOF) Joint Submittal for Via Mobility Paratransit in Johnstown.