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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Program -
Community Transportation Coordinator Selection for
Columbia Hamilton and Suwannee Counties

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the use of the non-competitive selection process to designate the Community Transportation Coordinator for the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee multi-county service area.

BACKGROUND:

The Council is the Designated Official Planning Agency for the Transportation Disadvantaged Program in Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties. The Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged requires that the designated official planning agencies recommend a Community Transportation Coordinator at the end of each contract period.

Suwannee Valley Transit Authority is the designated Community Transportation Coordinator for the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee multi-county service area. Suwannee Valley Transit Authority's Memorandum of Agreement will expire June 30, 2026. According to Section 287.057(3) (e)12, Florida Statutes, the Council, serving as the Designated Official Planning Agency, may choose to recommend a governmental entity, such as the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority, as the Community Transportation Coordinator without using a competitive selection process.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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