



AGENDA REPORT

Department: Engineering and Public Works
Prepared by: Tirza Gonzales, Operations Manager
Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2026
Approved by: Alejandro Hernandez, Acting City Manager

SUBJECT:

First Amendment to the Agreement with Circuit Transit Inc. for operations of the FRANC Electric Vehicle On-Demand Shuttle Service

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a First Amendment to the Agreement with Circuit Transit Inc. to Modify the Scope of Services and Extend the Term of the Agreement to September 3, 2027."

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE PRIOR ACTION:

Not Applicable.

EXPLANATION:

On August 3, 2021, City Council adopted Resolution 2021-104 authorizing the participation in the Clean Mobility Options (CMO) Voucher Program from the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to implement the Free Ride Around National City (FRANC) Neighborhood Electric Vehicle (NEV) on-demand shuttle service.

On December 6, 2022, City Council adopted Resolution 2022-196 authorizing an appropriation in the amount of \$999,996 from the CMO Voucher Program for the FRANC shuttle service.

On June 20, 2023, City Council adopted Resolution 2023-83 awarding an agreement to Circuit Transit, Inc. (Circuit) to serve as the operator / service provider for the FRANC shuttle service.

Also on June 20, 2023, City Council adopted Resolution 2023-89 authorizing an appropriation in the amount of \$400,000 from the San Diego Unified Port District (Port) for the FRANC shuttle service.

On November 13, 2023, Amendment 01 to the Voucher Agreement was executed to increase funding to an amount not-to-exceed \$1,500,000, an increase of \$500,004 from the initial award of \$999,996.

On April 16, 2024, City Council adopted Resolution 2024-29 authorizing an appropriation in the amount of \$500,004 from CALSTART.

On April 24, 2025, Amendment 02 was executed to increase funding to an amount not-to-exceed executed to \$1,800,000, an increase of \$300,000 from the prior award of \$1,500,000.

On May 20, 2025, City Council adopted Resolution 2025-50 authorizing an appropriation in the amount of \$300,000 from CALSTART. Combined with additional funding from the Port, the total funding for the FRANC program increased to \$2,200,000.

The additional funding, coupled with the remaining funds available from the Port, has allowed the City to purchase one additional NEV to join the two existing NEVs currently operating in the FRANC program.

In preparation for the third NEV to enter into service, staff is requesting approval from the City Council to authorize the Mayor to execute a First Amendment to the Agreement with Circuit to grant Circuit the right to operate city-owned NEVs, modify on-demand service hours, and extend the Agreement to September 3, 2027.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

No additional funding or appropriations are requested at this time.

RELATED CITY COUNCIL 2020-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

Transportation Choices and Infrastructure

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

This is not a project under CEQA, and is therefore, not subject to environmental review. CCR15378; PRC 21065.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION:

The Agenda Report was posted at least 72 hours before the Regular Meeting date and time, and 24 hours before a Special Meeting in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act.

ORDINANCE:

Not Applicable

EXHIBITS:

Exhibit A – First Amendment
Exhibit B – Scope of Work (Amended)
Exhibit C – Resolution