

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 -

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.

WHEREAS, on August 3, 2021, the City Council of the City of National City (“City”) adopted Resolution 2021-104 authorizing participation in the Clean Mobility Options (“CMO”) Voucher Pilot Program from the California Air Resources Board (“CARB”) for the Free Ride Around National City Neighborhood Electric Vehicle on-demand shuttle service (the “FRANC”); and

WHEREAS, on February 9, 2022, voucher agreement number MP20W1A-19 (the “Voucher Agreement”) was executed between the City of National City and CALSTART, Inc. (“CALSTART”) for funding of the FRANC, with an initial award in an amount not-to-exceed \$999,996; and

WHEREAS, on December 6, 2022, the City Council adopted Resolution 2022-196 appropriating \$999,996 from the CMO Voucher Pilot Program for the FRANC; and

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2023, the City Council adopted Resolution 2023-83 awarding an agreement to Circuit Transit Inc. (“Circuit”) to operate the FRANC (the “Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, at the same meeting, the City Council adopted Resolution 2023-89 authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with the San Diego Port District (“Port”) to contribute funding for the FRANC and authorizing an appropriation in the amount of \$400,000 from the Port for the FRANC; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2024, the City Council adopted Resolution 2024-29 authorizing an appropriation in the amount of \$500,004 from CALSTART pursuant to the Voucher Agreement for the FRANC; and

WHEREAS, on April 24, 2025, amendment 02 was executed to increase funding to an amount not-to-exceed \$1,800,000, an increase of \$300,000 from the prior award of \$1,500,000; and

WHEREAS, on May 20, 2025, the City Council adopted Resolution 2025-50 authorizing the establishment of an appropriation and corresponding revenue budget in the amount of \$300,000 from CALSTART, through CARB, for the FRANC which, combined with additional funding from the Port, increased the total funding for the FRANC to \$2,200,000; and

WHEREAS, the additional funding, coupled with the remaining funds available from the Port, has enabled the City to purchase an additional electric vehicle for the FRANC to supplement the two existing vehicles currently operating under the Agreement with Circuit; and

WHEREAS, in order to incorporate the City-owned vehicle into the current operations by Circuit under the Agreement, staff recommends approval of a First Amendment to the Agreement with Circuit to modify the scope of services to account for the City-owned vehicle, including granting Circuit the right to operate the City-owned vehicle and increasing on-demand services hours, and to extend the Agreement to September 3, 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NATIONAL CITY, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE, AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute a First Amendment to the agreement with Circuit Transit Inc. to modify the scope of services to provide for operation of the City-owned vehicle and extend the term of the agreement to September 3, 2027.

Section 2: That the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original Resolutions.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 17th day of March, 2026.

Ron Morrison, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shelley Chapel, MMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Heidi Skinner, Interim City Attorney