



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
YAKIMA, WASHINGTON
AGENDA STATEMENT**

Item No. 7.G.
For Meeting of: September 2, 2025

ITEM TITLE: Resolution authorizing an agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation to fund the Yakima/Ellensburg Commuter Service (\$952,000 WSDOT Grant)

SUBMITTED BY: Scott Schafer, Public Works Director
*Jim Hogenson, Transit Manager

SUMMARY EXPLANATION:

Grant Agreement PTD1121 with Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is to fund the Yakima-Ellensburg Commuter for a two-year period. The Yakima-Ellensburg Commuter service started in November 2011 and connects the two communities together with funding provided by WSDOT, Central Washington University (CWU), City of Ellensburg, City of Selah, and Yakima Transit.

Yakima Transit is the grantee responsible for managing the program. The service is operated by Bellair Charters & Airporth. Yakima Transit was awarded funding for two more years for the period of July 1, 2025– June 30, 2027. Matching funds for the grant are being provided by state and federal funding (\$248,330/yr), Yakima Transit Funds (estimated \$80,000/yr), City of Selah (\$16,000/yr), City of Ellensburg (\$20,000/yr) and CWU (\$80,000/yr).

The total amount for Grant Agreement PTD1121 is \$952,000 and is attached for City Council review.

ITEM BUDGETED: Yes

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 24-25: A Resilient Yakima

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Resolution for Commuter Grant 2025-2027.docx](#)
[PTD1121 Yakima Transit ConsOp.pdf](#)