

Mayor's Office: Council Agenda Item Request Form
*This form and supporting documents (if applicable) are due the Wednesday
before the COW meeting by noon.*

Date Received (office use)	
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Date of Request	February 21, 2018
Requesting Staff Member	Deputy Mayor Hale
Requested Council Date	February 27, 2018
Topic/Discussion Title	Transportation Pilot Program
Description	Update on transportation pilot program and request for approval.
Requested Action¹	Approval
Presenter(s)	Noella Sudbury, Salt Lake County CJAC Director and Mike Gallegos, Office of Transportation, Housing, and Economic Development
Time Needed²	15 minutes
Time Sensitive³	Yes
Specific Time(s)⁴	
Contact Name & Phone	Noella 8-7096
Please attach the supporting documentation you plan to provide for the packets to this form. While not ideal, if supporting documents are not yet ready, you can still submit them by 10 am the Friday morning prior to the COW agenda. Items without documentation may be taken off for consideration at that COW meeting.	

Mayor or Designee approval: _____



¹ What you will ask the Council to do (e.g., discussion only, appropriate money, adopt policy/ordinance) – in specific terms.

² Assumed to be 10 minutes unless otherwise specified.

³ Urgency that the topic to scheduled on the requested date.

⁴ If important to schedule at a specific time, list a few preferred times.



Operation Rio Grande
Transportation Pilot Program
February 27, 2018

Purpose

Provide reliable transportation so clients can get to work, earn a livable wage, and become self-sufficient.

Background

Operation Rio Grande clients who are in the drug court program, moving successfully through treatment and living in safe, affordable housing are now looking for jobs. Salt Lake County has identified a network of employers willing to hire these individuals. However, the jobs are in an area not easily accessible on public transit.

The Transportation Pilot Program will remove the transportation barrier to employment, creating an opportunity for the individuals to get to work with reliable transportation.

How it works

- The LDS Church is donating a van and gas for one year, to Advantage Services, a 501(c)(3)
- Salt Lake County will contribute \$19,000 to pay for a part-time driver for one year.
- Advantage Services will hire and manage the driver.
- Salt Lake County will develop a network of participating employers who are willing to hire individuals with a criminal record and pay them a livable wage.
- Salt Lake County will develop shuttle routes

Benefits

- Helps clients access better work opportunities and become self sufficient
- Helps employers find reliable, motivated, and hard-working employees who are well supported and regularly drug-tested (which will help promote safe working environments)
- Helps solve current transportation gaps in our system that limit work opportunities and inform changes that should be made to our public transportation system
- Allows clients to both work and continue their recovery, by having reliable transportation that accommodates their continuing outpatient treatment.