



# Montbello Connector Microtransit Pilot

\$555,208.75 Contract with Northeast Transportation Connections (NETC)

LUTI Committee

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# Topics

- Outreach/Planning Process
- Contract Details
- Program Details
- Future Steps



# Stakeholder Outreach



- Montbello Organizing Committee (MOC)
- Montbello 20/20
- Montbello Walks
- High school & college students
- Families Against Violent Acts (FAVA)
- Struggle of Love
- Council Districts 11 & 8
- Seniors
- Northeast Transportation Connections (NETC)
- Environmental Learning for Kids (ELK)
- Conectores de Montbello
- La Collectiva
- Faith-based organizations

# Continuing Input



- Throughout – Stakeholder, City, RTD, NETC & Operator Coordination
- **Dec 2020 – Jan 2021 1hr 1:1 Stakeholder Interviews**
- Jan – Feb 2021 Online Survey
- **3/2 Virtual Stakeholder Meeting**
- **4/14 Virtual Stakeholder Meeting**
- 5/6 FarNEAT Working Group Presentation
- 5/19 Denver County Local Coordinating Council (DCLCC) of DRMAC by Mayra Gonzales of MOC
- 6/15 DCLCC by Mayra of MOC



# Contract Term

- 1 Year is not indicative of service ceasing at the end of 2022
  - Current contract has a 3/31/2023 termination
- 1 Year *is* indicative of following procurement policies
  - Option 1: full RFP for a 5-year contract: 1 funded year + 4 one-year renewable years: 2023 - 2027
  - Option 2: extend existing contract by a year if RFP is “slow” so there is no service interruption

# Contract Local-Hiring Preference

- DOTI, NETC, and Downtowner are committed to hiring within communities in which the services are provided
  - Simpler logistics for placing the vehicles
  - Better for managing driver assignments around vacations, holidays, etc.
  - Will continue to work with MOC, NETC, and other Montbello organizations through “launch” to recruit in this way. Would love Council Office support in this.
- Would like to launch before winter, regardless
  - More consistent with school, work, RTD, and other schedules
  - Hiring is an on-going process, not a once-and-done. Very competitive market for drivers

# Program Details

- Children 6 and older can ride without a parent (same as RTD)
- Children 5 & under need a parent/guardian
  - Parent/guardian, is responsible for car seat securement
- Downtowner has a rigorous background check process for drivers, ensuring safety of children, seniors, and other vulnerable populations



# Future Steps

- Proposed budget amounts for next contract year will come with 2022 budget requests by Mayor
- Fixed amount will need Council Participation
  - Montbello continuation as a base, M-F, 6 am – 8 pm
  - Expansion options beyond the base:
    - Additional geography/neighborhoods
    - Additional days/hours
    - Additional vehicles for demand
    - Expect some mixture of all the above



# ¿Remaining Questions?



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