

# City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Public Works

To: City Council

From: Public Works Staff

Council Meeting Date: May 2, 2022

Re: Letter from Public Transit Advisory Commission

### **Executive Summary**

Staff is asking that Council consider a letter from the Public Transit Advisory Commission (PTAC).

#### Discussion

The PTAC commissioners have submitted a letter voicing concern over the possibility of service reductions if the current bus operator shortage is not abated and support of the proposal for hiring operators with a Class E Chauffer's license to operate paratransit vans.

Currently GoCOMO is down almost 40% of its full-time and temporary bus operators. Operators, who are able, have been on mandatory overtime since August of 2021, working an additional 12 hours per week. In addition, paratransit service is running close to 250 rides per day, which means more operators are required to meet the demand, which in turn reduces the number of operators available for fixed route service.

### Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact:

Long-Term Impact:

#### Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impacts

## Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

#### Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Legislative History		
NI.	Date //	Action N/A
	Suggested Council Action	

Consider the letter of support for GoCOMO transit from the PTAC.