PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: September 17, 2024	[X] Consent	======================================			
Department: Palm Tran	[] Ordinance	[] Public Hearing			
I. <u>EXECUTIVE BRIEF</u>					
Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion	n to:				
Approve: an Agreement with the School Dist passes for the period of July 1, 2024 until June	rict of Palm Beach 0 30, 2029.	County to provide bus			
Summary: Since August 1998, Palm Bea collaborated to offer discounted bus passes to the option for purchasing daily and monthly pass the terms of the new agreement, the School Eday bus passes at a cost of \$3.50 each and monand high school students. During the previous purchased a total of \$96,025 in bus passes. Pausage to school hours, but the new agreement daily passes to include hours outside of school Agreement. Countywide (MM)	o students. The new sees at Palm Tran's poses at Palm Tran's poses at a conthly passes at a cofive (5) year agreem agreem the use will expand the uses	v Agreement provides published rates. Under ability to procure onest of \$55.00 for middle nent, the School Board reement restricts pass se of the monthly and			
Background and Justification: Palm Tran numerous schools in Palm Beach County. The of Understanding with Palm Tran on August distribution of bus passes for students utilizing	e School Board estal t 1, 1998, to facilita	blished a formal Letter ate the purchase and			
Attachments:					
Agreement with the School D	istrict of Palm Beach	n County (3)			
Recommended By: Executive Directo		9 4 24 Date			
Approved By:	or	g 1기2년 Date			

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Capital Expenditures	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	1900	***************************************		
Operating Costs					
External Revenues	(\$4,801)	(\$19,205)	(\$19,205)	(\$19,205)	(\$19,205)
Program Income(County)					
In-Kind Match(County					
NET FISCAL IMPACT	(4,801)	(\$19,205)	(\$19,205)	(\$19,205)	(\$19,205)
#ADDITIONAL FTE	0	0	0	0	0
POSITIONS (CUMULATIVE					

IMPACT	(4,001)	(Ψ10,200)	(ψ13,203)	(Ψ13,200)	(ψ10,200)		
#ADDITIONA FTE	0	0	0	0	0		
POSITIONS (CUMULATIV	Е						
Is Item Includ	ded in Current B	udget?	⊠Yes	□ No			
Is this item using Federal Funds?		□Yes	⊠ No				
Is this item u	sing State Fund	s?	□Yes	⊠ No			
	ount No: Department 540	Unit 5101	Object/RSR0 4430	C			
B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact: Revenue projections based on \$96,025 total bus passes purchased from previous 5 year agreement.							
C. Departmental Fiscal Review: Lyne Johnson, Director of Admin Services							
	III. RE	VIEW COMME	NTS:				
A. OFMB	A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:						
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B. Legal	Sufficiency	· [3	_	77	-,		
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Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review

Department Director

THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE USED AS A BASIS FOR PAYMENT

BUS PASS AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA AND SCHOOL BOARD OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

THIS BUS PASS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this day of July, 2024, by and between Palm Beach County, Florida, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, by and through its Board of County Commissioners (referred to herein as "County") and the School Board of Palm Beach County, Florida (referred to herein as "School District" or "Board"), a Florida corporate body politic.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, County has established a fixed route public transportation system known as "Palm Tran" throughout much of Palm Beach County; and

WHEREAS, County operates its public transportation system, known as Palm Tran, for the benefit, use, and enjoyment of the general public; and

WHEREAS, Board has requested the County to sell daily and monthly bus passes to Board for certain School District of Palm Beach, Florida ("School District") students who desire to use Palm Tran as a means of transportation to and from school; and

WHEREAS, County is willing to make daily and monthly bus passes available to the Board for use by certain School District students in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual terms, conditions, promises, covenants, and obligations set forth herein, the County and Board agree as follows:

Section 1. Incorporation of Facts: The facts set forth above, in the preamble to this Bus Pass Agreement (Agreement), are true and correct and incorporated into the Agreement by reference.

Section 2. **Term:** The term of the Agreement shall be from July 1, 2024 until June 30, 2029.

Section 3. **Purpose:** The purpose of the Agreement is to set forth the various duties, rights, and obligations of the parties regarding the Board's acquisition of bus passes for certain students of the School District, the Board's payment for and distribution of bus passes, and School District students' use of the bus passes purchased by the Board to access Palm Tran's fixed route public transportation system.

Section 4: **Representatives:** The County's representative and monitor during the performance of the Agreement shall be Palm Tran's Executive Director, whose telephone number is (561) 842-4200. The Board's representative and monitor during the performance of this Agreement shall be the School District's Transportation Services Director, whose telephone number is (561) 242-8312.

Section 5: Purchase of Passes:

- A. Monthly (31-day) student bus passes may be purchased at a cost of \$55.00 each.
- B. One (1)-day bus passes may be purchased during the term of this Agreement at a cost of \$3.50 each.

If the County increases its bus pass fares during the term of this agreement, the County may increase the cost of any or all of bus passes available for purchase under this section.

School District agrees to work with Palm Tran on a possible alternative to using Palm Tran's new Smart Card fare technology at no additional cost and at terms acceptable to the School District using Palm Tran's Paradise Pass System. If no alternative works for both parties, the current method will remain in effect.

Section 6: **Invoicing:** County will invoice the Board for each bus pass received by the Board under this Agreement, referencing the purchase order number, if any. Within thirty (30 days) of the School District's Accounting Services Department's receipt of each invoice, at 3300 Forest Hill Blvd., Suite A323, West Palm Beach, FL 33406, the Board will remit payment for the sum due and owing to the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, c/o Palm Tran, 3201 Electronics Way, West Palm Beach, FL 33407, or to the address indicated on the invoice issued by Palm Beach County.

Section 7: **Audit:** All records relating to this Agreement shall be maintained by the parties for five (5) years after the expiration of the Agreement, after the conclusion of an audit, or after litigation arising under the Agreement, whichever period is greater. The County and Board agree to cooperate with each other in any audit relating to the bus passes that either party may perform. Adjustments, if applicable, will be made by the responsible party within thirty (30) days of the final audit finding indicating that an adjustment is necessary. Board will provide any information related to the bus passes and their usage by students as requested by the County's auditor.

Section 8: **Refunds and Replacements:** Except as agreed by the Director of Palm Tran, no passes that are lost, stolen, misplaced, or destroyed by the Board or any School District student shall be replaced or the cost refunded; provided, however, that if a pass is returned to Palm Tran, the County will refund to the School District the sum equivalent to the monthly prorata portion of any full months remaining on any pass issued to a student who has withdrawn from school or who is no longer eligible for the continued provision and use of a bus pass, or from whom Palm Tran has withdrawn a pass as a result of the termination of this Agreement by

either party. The County shall pay the Board any amounts due and owing upon thirty (30) days of the return of the bus pass to the County c/o Palm Tran, 100 N Congress Ave, Delray Beach, FL 33445. Should the Board request, and the Director of Palm Tran agrees to issue, a replacement pass for a lost, stolen, misplaced or destroyed bus pass, the Board will compensate Palm Tran for the replacement pass at a cost of ten dollars (\$10.00) per pass, to offset administrative costs.

Section 9: **No Rights nor Interest Created:** The Board acknowledges and agrees that neither this Agreement nor the provision, possession, or use of a bus pass by any student creates any right, interest, license, or permit in, or to a pass for, any student, parent, guardian, or any other person, or entity to the continued use of the County's public transit system. Moreover, the County may revoke any pass issued hereunder to any student, for any reason whatsoever, with or without prior notice, or a hearing of any kind, an neither the student nor the misplaced or destroyed bus pass, the Board will compensate Palm Tran for the replacement pass at a cost of ten dollars (\$10.00) per pass, to offset administrative costs.

Section 10: **No Rights nor Interest Created:** The Board acknowledges and agrees that neither this Agreement nor the provision, possession, or use of a bus pass by any student creates any right, interest, license, or permit in or to a pass in the Board or any student, parent, guardian, or other person or entity to the continued use of the County's public transit system. Moreover, the County may revoke any pass issued hereunder to any student, for any reason whatsoever, with or without prior notice. Neither the student (or student's parent or guardian) nor the Board shall have any claim or cause of action, of any kind whatsoever, against County or Palm Tran, except for the Board's right to a refund as provided in Section 8 above. Further, the Board acknowledges that Palm Tran is operating public transportation that is open and accessible to the public. Palm Tran is not engaged in the transportation of students under Section 1006.22, F.S., and this is not a contract for transportation services. Rather, Palm Tran is making bus passes available for purchase by the Board as provided in this Agreement. Students with a proper bus pass provided to the student by the School Board to access Palm Tran's fixed route public transportation system may use the bus pass outside of school hours as permitted by the Board.

Section 11: **Middle and High School Students:** The Board acknowledges and agrees that it shall not seek, request, or endeavor in any manner to obtain a pass for any School District student who is not a middle or high school student, except as permitted below. The Board further acknowledges and agrees that passes will not be provided to any School District student, regardless of grade level, who is eight (8) years of age or younger, unless such student is accompanied, at all times (i.e., from boarding to disembarkation) by a parent. In such cases the student/parent's pass and the pass of the child of the student/parent shall indicate, in a manner acceptable to the Director of Palm Tran, the relationship and/or exception to Palm Tran's rule regarding unaccompanied minors (i.e., that children eight (8) years or younger must be accompanied by an adult) as set forth herein. The Board acknowledges and agrees to issue and record the passes to individual students.

Section 12: Convenience: The Board acknowledges and agrees that the County is providing the bus passes solely for the convenience of the Board, and that the County has no duty or obligation to the Board, any student, or other person or entity which is in addition to, or

different, or distinguishable from that owed to the public at large, except as specifically provided herein.

Section 13: Compliance with Palm Tran and School Board's Policies: The Board represents and affirms that its students will be subject to and adhere to Board Policy 5.186. Additionally, Board represents and warrants that at the time of issuing a Palm Tran bus pass to a student, the Board's designee will provide School District students with the Student Riders Safety Rules and Regulations, attached hereto as Exhibit A, and that its students shall be subject to and adhere to said rules and regulations. School District students shall also comply with all Palm Tran rules, regulations, policies, procedures, or laws regulating or pertaining to Palm Tran's passengers, as they may be adopted or amended from time to time. Rules, regulations, policies, and procedures regulating or pertaining to Palm Tran's passengers are generally located within Palm Tran's Rider's Guide. Board further acknowledges and agrees that Palm Tran may remove any student from a Palm Tran bus in the same manner that members of the general public may be removed, and that any student may be temporarily or permanently refused service in accordance with Palm Tran's rules, regulations, policies, or procedures.

Section 14: **Termination:** This Agreement may be terminated by either party, with or without cause, upon thirty (30) days' notice to the other. In the event a party has failed to perform, observe, or has breached any provision of the Agreement, the other party may terminate this Agreement immediately upon written notice to the other party. No liability shall inure to either party as a result of the termination of the Agreement, except that the County shall reimburse the Board for the value equivalent to the monthly pro rata cost for the days remaining for each pass purchased hereunder as provided in Section 8 of this Agreement.

Section 15: **No Agency Relationship:** Nothing contained herein shall create an agency relationship between Board and County or Board and Palm Tran, Inc.

Section 16: **Remedies:** This Agreement shall be construed by and governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Any and all legal action necessary to construe or enforce the Agreement will be held in Palm Beach County. No remedy herein conferred upon any party is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy, and each and every such remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or by statute or otherwise. No single or partial exercise by any party of any right, power, or remedy hereunder shall preclude any other or further exercise thereof.

Section 17: **Enforcement Costs:** Any costs or expenses, including reasonable attorney fees, associated with the enforcement of the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be borne by the respective parties; provided, however, that this clause pertains only to the parties to this Agreement.

Section 18: Captions: The captions and section designations herein set forth are for convenience only and shall have no substantive meaning.

Section 19: Joint Preparation: The preparation of the Agreement has been a joint effort of the parties, and the resulting document shall not, solely as a matter of judicial constraint, be

construed more severely against one of the parties than the other.

Section 20: **Severability:** Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or provision hereof be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such shall not affect the remaining portions of the Agreement.

Section 21: **Notice:** All notices required under this Agreement shall be in writing and sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, and if sent to the County shall be mailed to:

Executive Director Palm Tran

Liver Maldonado

100 N. Congress Avenue

and if sent to the Board shall be mailed to:

Delray Beach, FL 33445

Director of Transportation The School District of Palm Beach County, FL 2775 Homewood Road West Palm Beach, FL 33406

and

Director of Purchasing The School District of Palm Beach County, FL 3300 Forest Hill Blvd. West Palm Beach, FL 33406

Each party may change its address upon notice to the other.

Section 22: Entirety of Agreement and Modifications: The County and Board agree that this Agreement sets forth the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter herein, and that there are no promises or understandings other than those stated herein. No modification, amendment, or alteration in the terms or conditions contained herein shall be effective unless contained in a written document executed with the same formality and equality of dignity herewith.

Section 23: **Survivability:** Any provision of this Agreement that is of a continuing nature or imposes an obligation that extends beyond the term of this Agreement, shall survive its expiration or earlier termination.

Section 24: **Annual Appropriation:** Each party's obligations under this Agreement are contingent upon an annual budgetary appropriation by its governing body for the purposes described herein.

Section 25: Limit of Obligations: The County's obligations to Board shall be strictly limited to those expressly set forth in this Agreement. County is acting, under this Agreement, solely in its capacity as a political subdivision of the State. County is not and shall not be deemed to be acting for or on behalf of the Board or to have stepped into the "shoes of the Board" or to have assumed any of the duties, responsibilities, or obligations of the Board relating, in any manner whatsoever, to the transportation of any Board student. The County shall have no obligation to any person, student or entity that is in anyway associated with or might benefit from the terms of this Agreement and the usage of a bus pass, or to any other person or entity. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed as a waiver of the County's or Board's sovereign immunity except as expressly set forth in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes; as an agreement by either party to indemnify the other; or a consent to be sued by third parties. Moreover, this Agreement is not intended to be a third party beneficiary contract and confers no rights on anyone other than the parties hereto. Nothing herein shall be deemed to constitute an imposition or acceptance by County or Board of any obligation, duty, responsibility or liability, not otherwise imposed by the express and unequivocal language of this Agreement. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to alter the County's, Palm Tran's or the Board's authority.

Section 26: Palm Beach County Office of the Inspector General Audit Requirements: Palm Beach County has established the Office of the Inspector General in Palm Beach County Code, Sections 2-421 through 2-440, as may be amended. The Inspector General's authority includes, but is not limited to the power review past, present, and proposed County contracts, transactions, accounts, and records, to require the production of records, and to audit, investigate, monitor, and inspect the activities of any contractor, its officers, agents, employees, and lobbyists in order to ensure compliance with contract requirements and detect corruption and fraud.

Failure to cooperate with the Inspector General or interfering with or impeding any investigation is a violation of Palm Beach County Code, Sections 2-421 through 2-440, and punishable pursuant to Section 125.69, Florida Statutes, in the same manner as a misdemeanor.

School District of Palm Beach County Office of the Inspector General Audit Requirements: County agrees and understands that the School District's Office of Inspector General shall have immediate access to all non-confidential or nonexempt financial and performance-related records, papers, books, documents, information, writings, drawings, graphs, photographs, processes, data or data compilations, computer hard drives, emails, instant messages, services, and property or equipment purchased in whole or in part with Board funds ("Information and Records"), except as specifically prohibited by law. County shall furnish the Inspector General with all information and records requested for the purpose of conducting an investigation or audit, as well as provide the Inspector General with reasonable assistance in locating assets and obtaining Information and records that are in the possession, custody, or control of County or its subcontractor. County understands, acknowledges, and agrees to abide by applicable portions of School Board Policy 1.092, to the extent applicable. Such policy is located at http://www.palmbeachschools.org/policies/.

Section 27: Non-Discrimination:

The County is committed to assuring equal opportunity in the award of contracts and complies with all laws prohibiting discrimination. Pursuant to Palm Beach County Resolution R2017-1770, as may be amended. Each party warrants and represents that throughout the term of the Agreement, including any renewals thereof, if applicable, all of its employees are treated equally during employment without regard to race, color, religion, disability, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, marital status, familial status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or genetic information. Failure to meet this requirement shall be considered a default of this Agreement.

Section 28: E-Verify

- a. Pursuant to Fla. Stat. §448.095, County agrees that it shall register with and use the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system, https://e-verify.uscis.gov/emp, to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees during the term of this contract or solicitation.
- b. Pursuant to Fla. Stat. §448.095, if County enters into a contract with a subcontractor(s) for the labor, supplies or services provided under this contract or solicitation, County must require that the subcontractor(s) provide it with an affidavit stating that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien. The County understands that it must maintain a copy of such affidavit for the duration of the contract or solicitation.
- c. If School Board has a good faith belief that the County has knowingly violated Fla. Stat. §448.09, School Board shall terminate the contract with the County. The County is liable for any additional costs incurred by the School Board as a result of a termination of this contract or solicitation pursuant to §448.095(2)(f).
 - d. If School Board has a good faith belief that a subcontractor(s) has knowingly violated §448.095, but County has otherwise complied with this subsection, School Board shall promptly notify County and order County to immediately terminate the contract with the subcontractor(s).

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EXHIBIT A

STUDENT RIDERS SAFETY RULES AND REGULATIONS SCHOOL BOARD OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

While riding on a Palm Tran bus, students must understand that Palm Tran provides service to the entire general public <u>not</u> just school-age riders. Therefore, students are expected to be well-behaved at all times, and be respectful of the other patrons that are riding on the bus.

For everyone's benefit, students are expected to observe ALL OF Palm Tran's general rules and regulations and the following rules and regulations:

WHILE WAITING FOR THE ARRIVAL OF THE BUS:

- Wait at a Palm Tran bus stop sign standing well off the roadway at all times.
- Do not rough-house, fight, skateboard, roller blade or shove while at the bus stop.
- Wait until the bus has come to a complete stop and passengers, trying to leave, have gotten off the bus before approaching the bus to board.
- Have your bus pass with you. If you do not have your bus pass, you will have to pay a bus fare that day. Students are eligible for a one-way half fare.
- Follow the instructions of the bus drivers and other Palm Tran personnel.
- Enter the Palm Tran bus at the front door. Enter carefully, never run or jump onto the bus.

WHILE ON BOARD THE BUS:

- Do not run in the aisle or move from seat to seat.
- Do not play radios, CD's or cassette players without headsets.
- No yelling, loud talking or singing, or any other inappropriate behavior.
- · Do not use profanity.
- Keep the aisle clear of books, art supplies, instruments, and sports equipment.
- Place items under the seat or on your lap. Do not place them on a seat that can be utilized by another passenger.
- Do not bring open food or drinks on the bus.
- Remain seated if sears are available. Standees must move to the rear of the bus as far as possible. DO NOT stand in the entrance or exit area.
- Give up designated seats to Senior citizens and disabled passengers.
- Ring the "stop request bell" at least one block from your desired stop, and remain seated until the bus comes to a complete stop.
- Exit the bus with care. Exit at the rear door whenever possible. Never run or jump from the bus

• DO NOT CROSS THE STREET IN FRONT OF THE BUS. WAIT UNTIL THE BUS HAS LEFT THE BUS STOP AND CROSS AT THE NEAREST CROSSWALK.

REMEMBER, PALM TRAN BUSES ARE $\underline{\text{NOT}}$ SCHOOL BUSES. TRAFFIC WILL NOT STOP AND WAIT FOR YOU TO CROSS THE STREET.

Failure to follow these rules and regulations may result in loss of privilege to ride Palm Tran. Palm Tran Drivers may keep bus passes and have unruly passengers removed from the bus.

Each individual school may have additional rules and regulations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County and Board have duly executed this Agreement on the day and year first above written.

ATTEST: Clerk & Comptroller	PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA by its BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
By:	By: Maria Sachs, Mayor
ATTEST:	SCHOOL BOARD OF PALM BEACH COUNT
By: Ket Dr. C.	By: Michael J. Burke Superintendent By: Karen Brill, Board Chair
	Reviewed and approved as to legal sufficiency: Kimberly Hall 5/8/2024
Re County Attorney	Executive Director, Palm Tran



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THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL TO THE SCHOOL BOARD

Board Item

Contract Review as to Form and Legal Sufficiency Checklist

Board Mtg. Date

PBSD Contract Form: C Yes	No Name of contract: Palm Tran Bus Pass Agreement		
Contract Action: New OF	enewal CAmendment/Modification/Change Order		
School/Department Requesting	g Review as to Form and Legal Sufficiency: Purchasing	÷····	
Does the Request for Legal Reapproved the content of the C	view indicate that the Chief, Assistant Superintendent, Director or Principal reviewed and optract?	Yes	CNo
Contract Terms	Comments/Specific Provisions in Contract		
Term (Length of Contract)	July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2029		
Automatic Renewal Provision?		(Yes	ON∘
Termination	Please see Section 14.		
Insurance	None		
Liability	Please see Section 25.		
Confidentiality	None		
Warranties	None		
Labor Issues	None		
Disclaimers	None		
Background Screening	None		
Inspector General	Please see Section 26.		
E Verify Provision	Please see Section 28		
Non-Discrimination Policy 6.144 Other	Please see Section 27.		
Public Records S119.0701,FS Other	None		
Governing Law Florida Other	None		<u> </u>
Venue Palm Beach Other	None		
Business Principles	Comments		
Fees: Total Value	Please see Section 5.		
Fees: Per Fiscal Year			
Payment Terms			
Other Issues	Comments		
Beneficial Interest Affidavit		a despression and a control of the	A CONTRACTOR CONTRACTO
Non-Negotiable, Misc.			
Notes/Special Considerations			
Reviewed and approved as to	form and legal sufficiency, only: Yes No		
	icies including, but not limited to, Procurement policies: Yes No		
Consistent with applicable lav			
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Print Attorney Name			∠ -T

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