

City of Hallandale Beach City Commission Agenda Cover Memo

Meeting Date:		File No.:	ile No.: Item Type:					Reading	2 nd Reading
2/19/2025			☐ Resolution☑ Ordinance☐ Other		Ord	dinance Reading	2/5/2025		2/19/2025
		25-024			Puk	olic Hearing	\boxtimes		\boxtimes
					Adv	ertising Required			\boxtimes
					Qu	asi-Judicial:			
Fiscal Impact (\$):		Account Balance (\$):				Funding Source:	Proje		ct Number:
\$275,000		Pending Budget Appropriation				Fund 160 Transportation		N/A	
Contract/P.O. Required		RFP/RFQ/Bid Number:				Sponsor Name:		Department:	
□ Yes	⊠ No	N/A				Dr. Jeremy Earle City Manager	City Manager's Office		
Strategic Plan Focus Areas:									
☐ Fiscal Stability		□ Reside Service	-	□ Public Safety			☐ Economic Development & Affordable Housing		
Implementation Timeline:									
Estimated Start Date: 2/19/2025					ı	Estimated End Date: N/A			

SHORT TITLE:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV – "DEPARTMENTS" TO CREATE SECTION CODIFY EXISTING DEPARTMENTS AND CORRECT NAMING CONVENTIONS; ENACTING SECTION 2-342 CREATING THE TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

STAFF SUMMARY:

Summary:

The proposed Ordinance creates a standalone Transportation and Mobility (TAM) Department. The creation of a standalone Transportation and Mobility (TAM) Department

is proposed to better address the City's growing transportation needs, including the expansion of electric buses, micro-transit, and bike services, and to tackle persistent traffic congestion. This new department will include key positions such as a Director, Manager, Engineer, Project Manager, Planner, and Administrative Assistant to provide dedicated leadership and expertise for transportation-related initiatives and projects. Staff recommends City Commission approval of the proposed Ordinance.

Background:

The Transportation and Mobility (TAM) Division currently exists within the Department of Sustainable Development (DSD) and is responsible for managing a wide range of critical transportation and mobility initiatives, including the introduction of electric buses, the development of micro-transit and bike services, transportation infrastructure improvements, and strategic planning efforts. The TAM Division has been instrumental in addressing the City's evolving transportation needs and has led efforts to improve transportation options for residents and visitors alike.

Current Situation:

Hallandale Beach continues to grow and face significant challenges related to traffic congestion, which consistently ranks as one of the top complaints from residents, and it has become clear that the City requires a dedicated, stand-alone department focused entirely on transportation and mobility. The growing demand for these services, combined with the City's long-term goals of improving mobility, reducing traffic congestion, and ensuring sustainability, necessitates the elevation of TAM to its own independent department. This department will allow for a more concentrated focus, dedicated resources, and the necessary leadership to address the City's pressing transportation challenges.

Main areas of responsibility include:

- Electric bus service
- Micro-transit and bike services
- Transportation Plans: Transportation Master Plan, Comprehensive Plan Transportation Element, Mobility Road Map, Basis of Design Report (BORD), etc.
- Grant opportunities for transportation projects
- Transportation and mobility projects for the City's Capital Improvement Plan
- Partnerships with various intergovernmental entities such as the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (BMPO), Broward County, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Federal Transit Authority (FTA), South Florida Regional Transit Authority (SFRTA), and more
- Infrastructure improvements such as complete streets improvement projects, sidewalks, crosswalks, bus stop ADA compliance, bus shelter improvement and maintenance, in collaboration with the Department of Public Works
- Ridership enhancement strategies for the Cloud network.
- Traffic calming strategies
- Performance measures and evaluation of programs

The creation of the new Department requires the addition of a full-time equivalent (FTE) for the Department Director position. The estimated cost for the proposed position is approximately \$275,000 which includes base salary and the corresponding senior management benefits package. The approval of the position, FTE, and funding will be presented to the City Commission for approval via budget amendment.

Why Action is Necessary:

In accordance with Section 5.01(4) of the City's Code, the act of establishing, altering, or abolishing any city department or agency shall be by ordinance. Therefore, the creation of the TAM Department requires approval of this proposed Ordinance.

Cost Benefit:

Due to the City's growing transportation needs, the establishment of the standalone TAM Department, along with the corresponding investment, allows for a focused approach to transportation, enabling specialized staff and resources to address complex challenges like traffic, infrastructure development, and public transit improvements. It is estimated that this approach may also reduce the need for outside consultants in the near future once the Department is established and capacity has been expanded.

PROPOSED ACTION:

The City Commission considers the attached Ordinance.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Exhibit 1 - Ordinance

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