

City of Salem, Massachusetts



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The City Council Committee on Administration and Finance co-posted Committee of the Whole
met in the Council Chamber on Tuesday March 26, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.
for the purpose of discussing the matters(s) listed below. Notice of this meeting was posted on
March 21, 2024 at 2:35 P.M.

(This meeting is being recorded)

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT WERE: None

also in attendance: from COW were C's Harvey, Morsillo, Hapworth
and Dave Kucharsky, Director of T & P SUBJECT(S) & Cohen

#115 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Beverly and the Town of Danvers
for the purpose of utilizing a \$2.3 Million grant from the Federal Transit Authority to establish a two-year pilot program to
implement and operate new regional node-based and flexible stop route transit service for residents of Salem, Beverly and
Danvers.

C. Meckl: the City of Salem, along with Beverly and Danvers,
were awarded \$2.3 million from the FTA to expand the Skipper
program transportation service to Beverly and Danvers. We
have in front of us tonight an authorization for the mayor
to enter into an agreement to utilize the funds. I will take
public comment after questions from the councillors. The
Salem Skipper is an on-demand, low cost ride share service
that has been very successful. This is an opportunity
to expand the service to Beverly and Danvers for one year,
with an option for a one-year renewal. Salem's expected
financial contribution is \$1 million each year, and we

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would be using ARPA funds. Thank you to Mr Kucharsky for being here, and for his work on this.

C Stott - Why is Peabody not included? What data was used to decide locations?

D. Kucharsky - Peabody chose not to participate. The focus on locations is for work force transit and also Essex Tech and the North Shore Community College. Five additional vehicles will be added, parked in Beverly and Danvers. We will be meeting regularly to monitor usage and locations, and tweak the program as needed.

C. Varela - asked about financial contributions from Beverly and Danvers (Salem's is higher).

DK - The hope is that Beverly and Danvers will want to increase investment in this service as they see a demand for it.

C. Prosniewski - Will the skipper make a stop for a passenger requested during a ride that's not in a designated area of service?

DK - no

C. Morsillo - Can and when would this grow into a larger service?

DK - We hope to show the State that there is a need and demand for increasing this kind of transit service.

C. Stott - Can we get updated data after the program is up + running?

DK - Yes, I could come back to the council with a performance report.

Councillor Stott motioned to approve item # 115 Authorizing the mayor to enter into an agreement with Beverly and Danvers for the purpose of utilizing \$2.3 million grant from FTA for a two year pilot program to expand the Skipper service to Beverly and Danvers.

Seconded by C. Varela, all in favor.

Councillor Stott motioned for Traffic and Parking Director to come back before the City Council with a performance report on how the Skipper expansion program is going before the second year of the program.

Seconded by C. Varela, all in favor.

On the motion of C. Prosniewski
to adjourn.

meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.



(Chairperson)