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Minutes

In Attendance: Marge McDonald (Director COA), John Sanchez (Director DPW),
Sonia Rollins (Ways & Means), Doug Davison (Ways & Means), Brad Bond (Ways & Means)

Discussed the line item for Local Transportation in the FY21 budget. The original plan was to retire the B-Line as of June 30, 2020 while transitioning over to an Uber/Lyft model. In order to assist users of the B-Line in transitioning to the new model, classes were to be given to step everyone through the new algorithm. Because of the pandemic, these classes have not been given. The new proposal is to extend the B-Line through the end of 2020 with the courses being given during this period. In order to run the new program, the education courses, and the B-Line, $270,000 is needed. $150,000 will run the new program and the education, $80,000 will fund the B-Line, and $40,000 will be kept in hand for contingencies. $75,000 of the funding will come from a grant, $75,000 from the B-Line revolving fund, and the remaining $120,000 is being requested through the operating budget. There was an extended discussion as to whether the town really needed to run the B-Line longer since any transition of this magnitude will be disruptive to regular B-Line riders. However, the W&M subcommittee was eventually convinced of the need to provide more time for educating the user base.

Vote on the Local Transportation Budget Line Item – 3-0 in support.

Adjourned – 5:00 PM