

RESOLUTION NO. 14-2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, REGARDING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND AND RIDES2U

WHEREAS, consistent with the requirements of Indiana Code 35-44.1-1-4(a), the City of South Bend, Indiana, Board of Public Works (the “Board”) meeting on March 24, 2026 shall serve as the public meeting for the disclosure of the proposed contract described herein; and

WHEREAS, the City, acting by and through the Department of Innovation and Technology has negotiated an Agreement with Rides2U for ride-sharing services associated with the City’s Commuters Trust program (the “Agreement”), attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, Chad Mastagh is the founder of Rides2U and is also a Firefighter on the South Bend Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Mastagh is not a staff member of the Department of Innovation and Technology, and he is neither a member of nor a staff member supporting the Board of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, Mastagh’s duties for the City as a member of the South Bend Fire Department are entirely unrelated to the ride-sharing services which Rides2U proposes to provide for the Commuters Trust program pursuant to the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Mastagh has prepared a written disclosure which describes the proposed contract and describes his pecuniary interest in the agreement which has been affirmed under penalty of perjury, attached hereto as Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement has met the prerequisites for approval under I.C. 35-44.1-1-4(c).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Board hereby approves the Agreement and authorizes the Department of Innovation and Technology to proceed with finalizing the agreement through City procurement processes.
2. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption.

ADOPTED at a meeting of the Board of Public Works of the City of South Bend, Indiana held on April 14, 2026, at 215 S. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Suite 300, South Bend, Indiana 46601.

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Attest: Hillary R. Horvath, Clerk

Date: April 14, 2026



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Memorandum

To: Board of Public Works, Hillary Horvath, Michael Schmidt
From: Jenna Throw, City Attorney
Subject: Resolution 15-2026 - Authorizing Agreement between Rides2U and the Department of Innovation & Technology
Date: March 27, 2026

The Resolution and Agreement before you at the April 14th meeting pertains to a proposed agreement between the Department of Innovation & Technology and Rides2U. Rides2U is a local rideshare company seeking to provide rideshare services in connection with the Commuters Trust program through Innovation & Technology. The founder of Rides2U, Chad Mastagh, is a South Bend Fire Department employee. His work at the Fire Department is entirely unrelated to the services proposed in the Agreement.

Indiana Code 35-44.1-1-4 provides for certain requirements for a City contract in which a City employee has a pecuniary interest. One of the requirements is that the employee prepare a written disclosure affirmed under penalty of perjury, and this disclosure is attached as Exhibit B to the Resolution. Another requirement is that the contract be approved in a public meeting, which is why this Agreement has come before the Board of Public Works for approval. The Resolution sets forth compliance with other requirements, such as the fact that Firefighter Mastagh does not work with either the Department of Innovation & Technology or the Board of Public Works in the course of his City employment, and his duties as an employee are entirely unrelated to the services set forth in the Agreement.

The Department of Innovation & Technology requests that the Board adopt the Resolution approving the Agreement and authorize Innovation & Technology to proceed with finalizing the agreement through City procurement processes.

Lynn Wetzel, Program Manager-Transportation, from Innovation & Technology and Chad Mastagh will both be available for Agenda Review for any questions.

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