

# RESOLUTION

## Resolution Appropriating Funds for the MCRide Connect Program in 2025 (82)

**WHEREAS**, McHenry County and Pace have worked collaboratively since 2010 to provide public transit service in the form of the MCRide general public dial-a-ride program; and

**WHEREAS**, over that time MCRide has provided over one million trips to residents of McHenry County, transporting our friends and neighbors to work, medical appointments, school and social events; and

**WHEREAS**, MCRide is an advanced-scheduling transit service, whereby riders are required to reserve their trips ahead of time, usually one to seven days before they need to travel; and

**WHEREAS**, there still exists a need in McHenry County to provide an affordable, on-demand transportation solution for those with limited access to an automobile; and

**WHEREAS**, taxis and transportation network companies such as Uber, Lyft and UZURV help to fill this need for an on-demand option but can be too expensive for residents to rely on them frequently; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 18, 2024 the McHenry County Board approved a Rideshare Access Program Reimbursement Agreement with Pace to establish the MCRide Connect Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agreement remains in effect unless terminated by either party.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by this County Board of McHenry County, Illinois, that it remains committed to the successful operation of the MCRide Connect program and wants to continue utilizing the Intergovernmental Agreement between McHenry County and Pace to provide service; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by this County Board of McHenry County, Illinois that there is hereby appropriated the sum of four hundred and twenty thousand dollars (\$420,000.00) from the RTA Sales Tax Fund in FY2025; Fund-Dept.-Div-Main Acct. 260-82-8210-423200; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized to distribute a certified copy of this Resolution to the County Administrator, Chief Financial Officer, and an electronic copy to the Director of Transportation/County Engineer.

**DATED** at Woodstock, Illinois, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, A.D., 2024.

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Michael Buehler, Chairman  
McHenry County Board

ATTEST:

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Joseph J. Tirio, County Clerk

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SUBJECT: Resolution Appropriating Funds for the MCRide Connect Program in 2025 (82)

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**Board / Committee Action Requested:**

To appropriate \$420,000.00 for the MCRide Connect program in 2025.

**Background and Discussion:**

MCRide Connect supplements the existing MCRide dial-a-ride program by subsidizing eligible trips on participating Transportation Network Companies (TNCs), which currently include Uber and UZURV. The County subsidy will be made available only to McHenry County residents who have an RTA-issued Reduced Fare or Ride Free Permit.

Eligible riders enrolled in the program will always pay the first \$4.00 of their trip on a participating TNC. McHenry County will then subsidize the next \$16.00 of the trip cost. Any portion of the trip costs exceeding \$20.00 will be the responsibility of the rider, as well as all rideshare provider surcharges and driver tips. Riders using this program will be eligible for up to eight trips per day.

After enrolling in the RTA Reduced Fare or Ride Free program, residents can then register for the MCRide Connect program by completing the County's [Enrollment Form](#) in its entirety. Within two weeks, the County subsidy will be available in the enrollee's rideshare provider account to apply to the cost of a trip at the time of booking.

MCRide Connect began providing a rideshare subsidy in August of 2024 and, like MCRide, is subject to budgetary constraints and reauthorization by the McHenry County Board on an annual basis. From August 16-30, 2024, MCRide Connect provided \$3,412.95 in subsidy for 279 rides (average subsidy of \$12.23 per ride). The County currently has 102 residents registered for the MCRide Connect Program, which will hopefully grow as words spread throughout the County.

**Impact on Human Resources:** Existing Division of Transportation (DOT) staff will assist residents with program registration. No additional staff will be needed to administer this program.

**Impact on Budget (Revenue; Expenses, Fringe Benefits):** \$420,000 in RTA Sales Tax (Fund 260) has been included in the draft FY2025 budget for the MCRide Connect Program.

**Impact on Capital Expenditures:** N/A

**Impact on Physical Space:** N/A

**Impact on Other County Departments or Outside Agencies:** N/A

**Conformity to Board Ordinances, Policies and Strategic Plan:** Conforms to the Strategic Plan, especially Quality Infrastructure Goal #1: Evaluate the County's infrastructure system and identify strategies to promote the expansion of transit service in McHenry County. The Strategic Plan includes the action item: Investigate costs and ridership potential for new transit programs including on-demand services such as TNC's or Taxis.