

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Jacksonville  
2 Transportation Authority (JTA):

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5 **ORDINANCE 2026-146**

6 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE JACKSONVILLE  
7 TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (JTA) FISCAL YEAR 2024-  
8 2025 BUDGET; AMENDING ORDINANCE 2024-514-E BY  
9 AMENDING REVISED SCHEDULE O (ESTIMATED OPERATING  
10 REVENUES) AND REVISED SCHEDULE P (OPERATING  
11 EXPENDITURES) TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL  
12 REVENUES TO OFFSET INCREASED OPERATING EXPENSES  
13 EXCEEDING THE APPROVED JTA BUDGET FOR FISCAL  
14 YEAR 2024-2025; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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16 **WHEREAS**, Ordinance 2024-514-E, adopting the 2024-2025 Fiscal  
17 Year Operating and Capital budgets for the Jacksonville  
18 Transportation Authority (JTA), was enacted by Council on September  
19 24, 2024; and

20 **WHEREAS**, a copy of Revised Schedule O (JTA Estimated Operating  
21 Revenues) and Revised Schedule P (JTA Operating Expenditures)  
22 approved by Ordinance 2024-514-E is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**; and

23 **WHEREAS**, after a review of operating expenses for Fiscal Year  
24 2024-2025, JTA has determined that operating expenditures have  
25 exceeded the approved budget for the Bus Division by \$19,755,036 and  
26 the Connexion Division by \$9,508,616; and

27 **WHEREAS**, JTA is requesting an appropriation of an additional  
28 \$29,263,652, which includes: (1) \$19,755,036 in revenue from Bus  
29 Transit Operating Reserves within the Bus Division to cover increased  
30 operating expenses in the Bus Division, and (2) an increase in the  
31 Transfers from Bus Operations to Connexion revenue in the Connexion

1 Division in the amount of \$9,508,616 to offset increased operating  
2 expenses in that Division; and

3 **WHEREAS,** the increased expenses for the Bus Division arose  
4 from higher than anticipated costs to operate bus services and the  
5 Neighborhood Autonomous Vehicle Innovation (NAVI) operations, as well  
6 as increased costs for fringe benefits for collective bargaining  
7 agreements; the increase in the transfer to the Connexion Division  
8 is due to an increase in expenses for Connexion and Connexion Plus  
9 services as well as corporate allocations and fringe benefits; and

10 **WHEREAS,** on January 22, 2026, the JTA Board of Directors  
11 approved Resolution 2026-04, attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**, which  
12 recommended amending Ordinance 2024-514-E to amend the Fiscal Year  
13 2024-2025 JTA Operations Budget to appropriate additional revenues  
14 to offset the increased operating expenses that exceeded the approved  
15 budget; and

16 **WHEREAS,** Revised Schedules O and P of Ordinance 2024-514-E are  
17 hereby amended to appropriate an additional \$29,263,652, which  
18 includes: (1) \$19,755,036 in revenue from the Bus Transit Operating  
19 Reserves within the Bus Division to cover the increase in operating  
20 expenses in the Bus Division, and (2) an increase in the Transfers  
21 from Bus Operations to Connexion revenue in the Connexion Division  
22 of \$9,508,616 to offset increased expenses in that Division incurred  
23 by JTA during the course of the 2024-2025 fiscal year; and

24 **WHEREAS,** JTA is requesting the City Council approve amendments  
25 to the JTA Operations Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025; now therefore

26 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

27 **Section 1. Amendment of Ordinance 2024-514-E to Amend**  
28 **Revised Schedules O and P for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 JTA Operations**  
29 **Budget.** Ordinance 2024-514-E adopting the Fiscal Year 2024-2025  
30 budget for JTA is hereby amended, in part, to amend the Revised  
31 Schedules O and P outlining the JTA Operations Budget for Fiscal Year

1 2024-2025. The Second Revised Schedules O and P are attached hereto  
2 as **Exhibit 3** and are, by this reference, made a part of Ordinance  
3 2024-514-E.

4 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become  
5 effective upon signature by the Mayor, or upon becoming effective  
6 without the Mayor's signature.

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8 Form Approved:

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10 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

11 Office of General Counsel

12 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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