

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Jacksonville
2 Transportation Authority (JTA) and Co-Sponsored by Council Member
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6 **ORDINANCE 2026-146-E**

7 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE JACKSONVILLE
8 TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (JTA) FISCAL YEAR 2024-
9 2025 BUDGET; AMENDING ORDINANCE 2024-514-E BY
10 AMENDING REVISED SCHEDULE O (ESTIMATED OPERATING
11 REVENUES) AND REVISED SCHEDULE P (OPERATING
12 EXPENDITURES) TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL
13 REVENUES TO OFFSET INCREASED OPERATING EXPENSES
14 EXCEEDING THE APPROVED JTA BUDGET FOR FISCAL
15 YEAR 2024-2025; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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17 **WHEREAS**, Ordinance 2024-514-E, adopting the 2024-2025 Fiscal
18 Year Operating and Capital budgets for the Jacksonville
19 Transportation Authority (JTA), was enacted by Council on September
20 24, 2024; and

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

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

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

1 Transfers from Bus Operations to Connexion revenue in the Connexion
2 Division in the amount of \$9,508,616 to offset increased operating
3 expenses in that Division; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 Schedules O and P outlining the JTA Operations Budget for Fiscal Year
2 2024-2025. The Second Revised Schedules O and P are attached hereto
3 as **Exhibit 3** and are, by this reference, made a part of Ordinance
4 2024-514-E.

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

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9 Form Approved:

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11 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

12 Office of General Counsel

13 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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