


City of Oceanside

Office of the City Manager

Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

From: Jonathan Borrego, City Manager 

Date: April 22, 2026

Subject: Senior Transportation Program – FY 2026-27 Proposed Budget Amendment

At the April 15, 2026 Budget Workshop, the City Council directed staff to add \$26,000 in ongoing General Fund support for the Senior Transportation program in the FY 2026-27 budget. This memo provides background on the program and its recent funding history.

In FY 2025-26, the City Council approved \$26,000 as one-time funding to expand senior transportation services, specifically \$17,000 for additional part-time staffing to support transportation coordination at the two senior centers, El Corazon Senior Center and Country Club Senior Center and \$9,000 for mileage reimbursement for volunteer drivers. Because that appropriation was one-time, it was not carried forward into the FY 2026-27 proposed budget.

For FY 2026-27, the Parks and Recreation Department submitted a request to make the prior year's expansion permanent and further enhance the program. However, with limited General Fund resources and competing citywide priorities, not all budget requests could be accommodated in the proposed budget, and this request was not included.

It is important to note that the Senior Transportation program, operating through the Senior Taxi Program, Country Club Senior Center, and El Corazon Senior Center, has its own base budget and continues to operate. The absence of the \$26,000 in the proposed FY 2026-27 budget did not eliminate the program; it reflected the expiration of the prior year's one-time expansion funding.

Consistent with Council direction, staff will add \$26,000 as an ongoing appropriation in the FY 2026-27 budget, allocated across the same accounts as the department’s original request:

Cost Center	GL Account / Description	Amount
Country Club Senior Center (935940101)	5110 – Staffing to support transportation coordination	\$7,000
El Corazon Senior Center (935949101)		10,000
Senior Taxi Program (935931101)	5355 – Mileage Reimbursement for Volunteer Drivers	9,000
Total		\$26,000

By establishing this as an ongoing appropriation, the City is making a stable, recurring commitment to senior transportation services. This funding will be supported by ongoing General Fund revenue and will reduce the projected General Fund surplus in FY 2026-27.