



City of Detroit

CITY COUNCIL

MARY SHEFFIELD
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
DISTRICT 5

MEMORANDUM

TO: David Whitaker, Director, Legislative Policy Division
FROM: Mary Sheffield, President, Detroit City Council
DATE: July 18, 2025
RE: Request for a Resolution in Support of Continued Funding for the Accessibili-D Program

The City of Detroit's Accessibili-D program recently concluded its one-year pilot of an autonomous, ADA-accessible shuttle service. This innovative program provided over 4,000 rides to Detroiters, many of whom live with disabilities, and maintained a 5-star rider satisfaction rating. I am proud of the program's success and concerned about the potential gap in service now that the pilot has ended.

Please prepare a resolution urging our state and federal partners to provide funding that would allow the City to extend or relaunch the Accessibili-D service. The resolution should highlight the program's role in closing transportation equity gaps, particularly for Detroiters with disabilities, and recognize its potential as a national model for accessible, tech-enabled mobility. It should also affirm the City's commitment to inclusive transit solutions that improve independence, dignity, and opportunity for all residents.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Yvonne Ragland from my office at yvonne.ragland@detroitmi.gov.

Cc: Honorable Colleagues
City Clerk