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Honorable Andrew Joyce, Chairman  
Albany County Legislature  
112 State Street, Room 710  
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce:

The Department for Aging (DFA) requests legislative approval to amend the Contract with Assess Transit, Inc. (operated by Capital District Transportation Authority) to provide brokerage services for human services transportation and provide non-emergency medical transportation and prioritized transportation to vital services for program eligible older adults living in Albany County. Transportation to vital services includes; Medical Appointments, Pharmacy, Grocery Shopping and/or Food Pantry, Adult Day Care, and Congregate Meal Sites. The Contractor shall also provide education on fare products to older adults that qualify for Special Transit Available by Request (STAR) Services. The brokerage services include receipt and disposition of transportation requests, transportation vendor network management, and coordination of transportation services to deliver quality services at the lowest cost and analysis and reporting of transportation services utilization.

The Department for Aging offers a limited number of prioritized transportation trips to vital destinations for program eligible older adults. Access Transit, Inc. has requested additional funding due to an increase in specialized transportation services for program eligible older adults. This Amendment, to the prior approved Access Transit Contract for \$580,000.00, increases the contract amount \$21,080.00, totaling \$601,080.00. DFA will ensure that available resources are prioritized to provide vital transportation services to older adults in Albany County that do not have access to other means of transportation.

Amendment Amount - \$21,080.00  
Funding Source – 100% - State

Contract Term – 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2019  
Budget Amendment – No

Respectfully Submitted,

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cc: Hon. Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader  
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