

Department of Planning and Budget 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB977

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Mason

3. Committee: Transportation

4. Title: Transit Ridership Incentive Program; on-demand microtransit operations.

5. Summary: Includes the development and implementation of on-demand microtransit operations, defined in the bill, to incentivize and promote transit ridership, as part of the goal of the Transit Ridership Incentive Program. The bill provides that an approved initiative or service is eligible to continue receiving funding for the duration of the Program on an annual basis, for up to 80 percent of costs, from funds that are available to the urbanized area in which the initiative or service is located.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill expands eligibility for funding from the Transit Ridership Incentive Program to projects for the development and implementation of on-demand microtransit operations; it does not alter the distribution of funding in the program. It is anticipated that this will not have a state fiscal impact to the Department of Rail and Public Transportation.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Rail and Public Transportation.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is identical to HB1609.