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City approves \$120M budget for next year

Aspen City Council signs off on expenditures and fee hikes; final approval later this month

As part of its multimillion-dollar alternative transit experiment next year, Aspen City Council on Tuesday approved paying for more bus service between the Brush Creek Intercept Lot and downtown. The estimated cost of the supplemental service is \$276,000 and will be added to the city's annual local service contract with the Roaring Fork Transportation Authority.

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The Aspen Times

The mobility lab, called Shift, is scheduled to operate during the summer of 2019. One of the main goals in the roughly \$2.5 million endeavor is to have between 600 and 800 cars parked daily at the Intercept Lot and have their drivers get in alternative transit into town.

The city plans to incentivize people via an app called "Miles," which will offer mileage redemptions through various vendors, both local and national.

The beefed-up bus service would operate only between the Intercept Lot and Rubey Park, stopping at BRT stations in between.

The extra expenditure is part of the city's 2019 budget, which council approved on first reading Tuesday as part of a continuation of Monday's meeting. Elected officials will formally adopt the budget later this month.

Next year's budget is \$120.4 million, which includes appropriations authority for operational, debt service and capital outlay needs. It's a decrease of 6.2 percent from what was originally budgeted, according to City Finance

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Aspen Santa Fe Ballet Folklorico dancers Baldwin Cruz, 9, front right, Joel Garcia, 10, back right, Angel Romero Najera, 12, back left, and Juan Lemus, 11, perform Tuesday night at the annual Thanksgiving dinner celebration at Basalt High School.

Unsealed documents reveal additional alleged rape cases

Investigators looking into five possible victims between the two suspects

Local law enforcement detectives are investigating five victims in the Aspen area who were allegedly sexually assaulted by two young men from Woody Creek, according to newly unsealed court documents.

District Judge Chris Seldin first sealed the documents Oct. 9, the day before Keegan Callahan, 20, and a 17-year-old boy were each arrested and charged with 13 felony counts, including six sexual-assault charges that each carry a penalty of 16 to 48 years to life in prison.

That case involves a 16-year-old Aspen High School student who has spoken publicly about the situation. The allegations in that case, released for the first time Tuesday, allege that the two young men used extreme violence to work together in late July to assault the girl, according to the unsealed documents.

While investigating that case, "the Aspen Police

Department and Pitkin County Sheriff's Office (became) aware of at least four other alleged sexual assaults: two involving (the 17-year-old), one involving both (the teen) and defendant Callahan and one whose investigation may show the involvement of one or both," according to a prosecutor's Oct. 9 motion to seal court documents.

Jason Auslander
The Aspen Times

Since then, two of those cases have been charged in District Court.

Two other possible cases against the two young men were detailed in an Oct. 16 search warrant application, which was unsealed Tuesday, for Callahan's Woody Creek home.

The first allegedly occurred in April 2017, when Callahan and the teen picked up a girl in Callahan's car, drove up McLain Flats Road, parked and gave her vodka, according to the search warrant application. The two young men then dropped her off at her home, but later texted her.

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