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**DATE:** September 26, 2024

**TO:** Public Infrastructure Committee

**FROM:** Kevin Bottesi, Transit Manager

**RE:** Request to Revise Transit Cell Phone Policy

I am looking for approval to make an adjustment to our cell phone policy at Transit. Currently, cell phones need to be turned off and stored and only to be turned on for emergencies.

I am looking for approval for them to remain on, but silenced.

The purpose of this change would be for faster response time in case of an emergency and an ambulance or police assistance is needed. Also, it would allow our drivers to periodically check on family, as many of our drivers have kids and loved ones.

In the past, we had two situations in which two drivers had family loss. Had they been able to be contacted sooner, they would have been able to make their loved one's final moments. I feel this is something we can change and still keep it under control, as far as people abusing it.