



**TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT**

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**MEMORANDUM**

DATE February 12, 2026

TO: William O'Reilly, Director  
Accounting Division

FROM: Coree Cuff Lonergan, General Manager/Director  
Transportation Department

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SUBJECT: Travel for more than five (5) Transportation Department employees to attend the 2026 Florida Triple Crown Roadeo in Orlando, FL.

We are requesting that seven (7) Transportation Department (BCT) employees be permitted to travel to Orlando, Florida, to attend the 2026 Florida Triple Crown Roadeo, which is being held March 6 and 7, 2026. The employee's travel dates are March 5 to March 8, 2026.

The Florida Triple Crown Roadeo is an annual event that tests the skills of Bus Operators and Maintenance Technicians from across the state of Florida. The Roadeo offers training opportunities for the contestants, as well as skills testing that includes a written test and an on-course driving competition for Bus Operators. Maintenance Technicians will face similar challenges with a written test and a series of diagnostic module tests.

This year's BCT Bus Roadeo champion Bus Operator (to be decided on February 22, 2026) and their Supervisor, James (Roger) Vance, will be attending. Additionally, BCT will also be sending a three-person Maintenance Technician Team including Michael Carrube, David Cerutti, John Ramoutar, their Transit Trainer, Michael Lynch and Transit Director-Special Projects, Ripton Richards.

The winners of both the Bus and Maintenance Technician competitions will be sent at no expense to compete in Salt Lake City, Utah, at the 2026 American Public Transportation Association's (APTA) International Bus Roadeo to be held May 15-19, 2026.

The estimated cost to the County for these seven individuals' travel is \$7,810, and funds are available within the Transportation Department's operating budgets.

### Summary of Travel

**Meeting/Travel Dates:** March 5 – 8, 2026  
**Location:** Orlando, Florida  
**Reason for Agenda Item:** More than five (5) staff are traveling from the same department  
**Department:** Transportation Department  
**Purpose of Travel:** To attend the 2026 Florida Triple Crown Rodeo

**BCT Staff Traveling:**

1. James (Roger) Vance
2. Michael Lynch
3. David Cerutti
4. Michael Carrube
5. John Ramoutar
6. Ripton Richards
7. Bus Operator to be determined (winner of BCT's Bus Rodeo to be held on February 22, 2026).

**Estimated travel cost per employee:** \$1,115.71

**Total Estimated Costs:** \$7,810, from the Transportation Department's Operating funds.