



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#13-1565

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: December 17, 2013

TITLE: Public Hearing – Neighborhood Link Community Bus Service Expansion

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission hold a public hearing and approve a motion to increase the hours of operation for the Neighborhood Link community bus route operated by the Downtown Fort Lauderdale Transportation Management Association (TMA) and to authorize the proper City Officials to amend and execute the interlocal agreement by increasing the level of service by more than 25% to the Neighborhood Link community bus route as approved by this item.

Background

Pursuant to Section 2.1.3 of the City-County Interlocal Agreement (ILA) and Title 49 of the United States Code (U.S.C.) 5307(d)(i)*, the City must hold a public hearing prior to any change in service affecting 25% or more route miles and prior to establishing a new transit route.

The TMA's Neighborhood Link community bus route has experienced very high ridership using its single bus since its inception on January 2, 2013. In an effort to better serve the Fort Lauderdale community, the City and TMA have proposed to increase the number of operating hours and to use an additional bus on the route.

The new daily hours of operation would change from the current 8:15am-2:30pm to 7:00am-4:30pm with the additional bus running from 9:24am–12:24pm during the mid-morning peak period. The existing and proposed schedules are shown on **Exhibit 1**. The cost estimate for this additional service is approximately \$60,000, to be funded by the \$200,000 previously appropriated from the City's Parking Fund.

The date for the commencement of the increased service would be January 2, 2014.

Resource Impact

There will be no additional fiscal impact to the City. Funding will come from Parking Fund dollars already appropriated for FY 2014.

AVAILABLE							
\$60,000 is available in Fund 461, Subfund 01, TAM020101.							
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FUND	SUBFUN	FUND NAME	INDEX #	INDEX NAME	OBJECT #	SUBOBJECT NAME	AMOUNT
461	01	Parking Services	TAM020101	Parking-Admin & Cust Svc	4204	Operating Subsidies	60,000.00
				TOTAL			60,000.00

Strategic Connection

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the **Infrastructure Cylinder of Excellence**, specifically advancing:

Goal 1: Be a pedestrian friendly, multi-modal City.

Objective 1: Improve transportation options and reduce congestion by working with agency partners.

Initiative 1: Strategically route and expand the Sun Trolley as an overall complement to upcoming major transportation projects.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Connected*.

Related CAMs:

None

Attachments:

Exhibit 1 - TMA Neighborhood Link Timetable and Map

*49 USC 5307(d)(i) is now cited as 49 USC 5307(b)(4)

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