



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

**#14-1217**

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

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

**DATE:** October 21, 2014

**TITLE:** Public Hearing – Expansion of the Downtown Fort Lauderdale  
Transportation Management Association Sun Trolley Neighborhood Link  
Route

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission hold a public hearing to receive input and approve the changes in Downtown Fort Lauderdale Transportation Management Association (TMA) community bus service with the expansion for the Neighborhood Link Route included in Exhibits 1 and 3.

**Background**

Pursuant to Section 2.6 of the City-County Interlocal Agreement (ILA) and Title 49 of the United States Code (U.S.C.) 5307(c)(1)(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 proposal detailed below increases service on the subject route by 75%.

The TMA's Neighborhood Link community bus route has experienced high ridership using a single bus since its inception on January 2, 2013. In an effort to reduce the time riders need to wait between buses (headways) the City and TMA are proposing the utilization of an additional bus from Broward County Transit (BCT) on the subject route. The additional bus reduces the 95-minute headways to 45-50 minutes and allows for three more daily runs on the route.

The TMA Executive Board reviewed and approved the proposed route expansion at its August 27, 2014 meeting. The subject bus was included in the vehicle inventory of the City-County Interlocal Agreement (ILA) for community bus service, which was approved by the Commission at its October 7, 2014 meeting. The map of the route is shown in Exhibit 1 and the existing and proposed schedules are shown in Exhibits 2 and 3, respectively. The date for the commencement of the increased service will be November 1, 2014.

**Resource Impact**

There is fiscal impact to the City of approximately \$72,898 annually with the route expansion. Funding for the route operation in FY15 will come from City Gas Tax, the NW Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), and New Freedom Grants. The available balance in the chart below for GNEWF15 reflects the amount remaining on encumbrances established for this cost. The encumbrance is on purchase order PP141689 in the amount of \$74,362.

<b>Funds available as of 10.1.14</b>					
<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>	<b>INDEX NAME (Program)</b>	<b>OBJECT CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME</b>	<b>AMENDED BUDGET (Object Code)</b>	<b>AVAILABLE BALANCE (Object Code)</b>	<b>PURCHASE AMOUNT</b>
129-GNEWF15-3299	FTA New Freedom PGM-SFRTA NW Link	Other Operating Expenses/Other Services	\$356,841	\$3,123	\$24,568
129-GNEWFMM15-3199	FTA New Freedom PGM-Mobility Manager	Other Operating Expenses/Other Professional Services	\$208,000	\$208,000	\$5,330
106.02-DSD060601-4204	NFP Redevelopment	Other Operating Expenses/Operating Subsidies	\$898,719	\$196,709	\$23,000
001-FD001	General Fund 9129	Transfer to Misc Grants	\$1,222,113	\$1,222,113	\$20,000
<b>PURCHASE TOTAL ►</b>					<b>\$72,898</b>

**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.

**Initiative 6:** Partner with agencies and businesses to increase commuter car-

pooling and to incentivize and encourage mass transit use.

**Objective 2:** Integrate transportation land use and planning to create a walkable and bikeable community.

**Initiative 5:** Construct ADA accessible transit stops.

**Initiative 6:** Develop and implement the Connectivity Master Plan to improve accessibility

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

Attachments:

Exhibit 1 TMA Neighborhood Link Route Map

Exhibit 2 TMA Neighborhood Link Existing Timetable

Exhibit 3 TMA Neighborhood Link Proposed Timetable

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