City of Fort Lauderdale

City Commission Agenda Item

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee Feldman, City Manager

DATE: September 18, 2012

TITLE: Motion to consider non-renewal of the Interlocal Agreement between

Broward County and City of Fort Lauderdale for the Community Bus Service provided by the Housing Authority of Fort Lauderdale (HACFL)

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12-2146

<u>Recommendation</u>

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a motion for non-renewal of the Interlocal Agreement between Broward County and City of Fort Lauderdale for Community Bus Service.

Background

The City Commission, at its August 21, 2012 meeting, Item 12-0743, deferred taking action on the non-renewal of the Interlocal Agreement between Broward County and City of Fort Lauderdale for Community Bus Service until its September 5, 2012 meeting.

Staff was directed to write a letter to Broward County requesting an increase in funding for the HACFL Community Bus in order to continue service. The details of the August 28, 2012 correspondence to Broward County (Exhibit 1) are as follows:

- \$56,312 in additional annual funding for operational cost of the HACFL Blue and Red routes;
- Amend all interlocal agreements to increase the Community Bus fare ceiling higher than 50% of the BCT full adult fixed route fare;
- Provide 100% funding to allow the TMA to provide service to Gateway Terrace.

At the time of its September 5, 2012 meeting, the City Commission had not yet received a response on its request from Broward County Transit and therefore deferred taking action on the non-renewal (Item 12-2074) until its September 18, 2012 meeting.

9/18/12 (12-2146) When this agenda item was prepared, the City Commission had still not received a reply from Broward County Transit. HACFL offered to operate the service for an additional two (2) months till November 30, 2012 or until a solution to operate the service was determined. However, if the service was to operate beyond this fiscal year, a commitment will need to be for the entire year and funding will have to be provided as such.

The decision at this meeting is either the non-renewal or renewal of the Interlocal Agreement between Broward County and the City for the Community Bus Service provided by the HACFL, as staff continues to work with Broward County and the HACFL on service options.

Resource Impact

This action will not impact the City's fiscal budget as there are currently no City funds contributing towards the HACFL bus service; however, the City will no longer apply for or receive pass-through Broward County Community Bus funds for this service. The City provided \$25,000 in Community Development Block Grant funding to the HACFL for Community Bus Service in FY 2010-11.

Attachment(s)

Exhibit 1: Letter from City to Broward County

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