

RESOLUTION NO. 21-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE PROPOSAL OF NEW COMMUNITY SHUTTLE ROUTES AND OTHER SERVICE CHANGES, AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2021, Broward County Transit ("BCT") formally invited the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, ("City") to apply for the Community Shuttle Program funding for fiscal year 2022; and

WHEREAS, City staff is proposing to make changes to the Community Shuttle Program which includes the reinstatement of community shuttle routes, the addition of new community shuttle routes, and operational changes on existing community shuttle routes; and

WHEREAS, the proposed changes to the routes are as follows:

- The reinstatement of the Galt Mile Link Route.
- The reinstatement of the Airport Link Route.
- The commencement of the new Midtown Link Route. The new route will add service to the following neighborhoods: Colee Hammock, Victoria Park, and Lake Ridge.
- The commencement of the new Sunrise North Link Route. The new route will add service to connect Northwest and Northeast Fort Lauderdale through a loop that starts and culminates at the Galleria Mall.
- The commencement of the new Midtown Hopper Route. The new route will add service to connect Las Olas Riverwalk and NE 13th Street through Flagler Village.
- Changes to the service hours for the Beach Link Route: Increasing the operational hours from 10:30am through 5:00pm to 9:30am through 6:30pm daily.

- Changes to the service hours for the Las Olas Link Route: Increasing the operational hours from 10:30am through 5:00pm to 9:30am through 6:30pm on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays.
- Changes to the service hours for the Downtown Link Route: Increasing the operational hours from 9:00am through 5:00pm to 7:30am through 6:00pm on weekdays.
- Changes to the service offered for the Neighborhood Link Route: Adding an additional shuttle serving the route.

WHEREAS, City staff will conduct public outreach to discuss the proposed new routes and proposed changes to the service provided for the Community Shuttle routes; and

WHEREAS, supporting the changes to the Community Shuttle Program will enable the City to seek funding from Broward County for these proposed changes; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale finds that it is in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the residents and visitors in the City of Fort Lauderdale to support the changes to the Community Shuttle routes and services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the above recitals are true and correct and incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, hereby supports the proposal for new Community Shuttle routes and other service changes which are listed in Commission Agenda Memo 21-0472 attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

SECTION 3. That if any clause, section or other part of this Resolution shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Resolution shall not be affected thereby, but shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Mayor
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:

City Clerk
JEFFREY A. MODARELLI



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#21-0472

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: May 18, 2021

TITLE: Resolution of Support for Proposal of New Community Shuttle Routes and
Other Service Changes (**Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4**)

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Commission adopt a resolution supporting the proposal for new Community Shuttle routes and other service changes.

Background

On April 8, 2021, Broward County Transit (BCT) formally invited the City of Fort Lauderdale to apply for the Community Shuttle Program (CSP) funding for fiscal year 2022 (October 2021 – September 2022). As a response, City staff drafted a proposal that includes the following requests:

- Galt Mile Link Route (Reinstatement): This service was suspended on December 1, 2018 due to lack in ridership.
- Airport Link Route (Reinstatement): This service was suspended on December 2, 2018 due to lack in funding.
- Midtown Link Route (New Route): The new route will add service to the following neighborhoods: Beverly Heights, Victoria Park, and Lake Ridge. The Midtown Link will connect neighborhoods that are currently underserved by public transit system to hotspots in both the southern and northern parts of the City. These neighborhoods encompass a mixture of housing units, from single-family dwelling to high-density rental units and elderly communities.
- Sunrise North Link Route (New Route): The new route will add service to connect Northwest and Northeast Fort Lauderdale through a loop that starts and culminates at the Galleria Mall. This service will bridge the gap in connecting residential areas in the northwestern side of the City to employment hubs in the northeast part of the City, particularly to retail, commercial, and office hubs along Federal Highway.

- Midtown Hopper Route (New Route): The new route will add service to connect Las Olas Riverwalk and NE 13th Street through Flagler Village. The proposed weekend route will connect key downtown destinations to reduce urban core vehicular trips.
- Beach Link Route (Operational Changes): A request to increase the operational hours from 10:30am through 5:00pm to 9:30am through 6:30pm daily.
- Las Olas Link Route (Operational Changes): A request to increase the operational hours from 10:30am through 5:00pm to 9:30am through 6:30pm on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays.
- Downtown Link Route (Operational Changes): A request to increase the operational hours from 9:00am through 5:00pm to 7:30am through 6:00pm on weekdays.
- Neighborhood Link Route (Operational Changes): A request to increase the number of shuttles serving the route to reduce headways and crowding on buses.

These proposed new and improved routes will serve as a first-last mile option that feeds into BCT routes and other intra-city (i.e., Tri-Rail, Brightline) and inter-city public transportation services. This is a preliminary route planning for funding application purposes and is subject to change. If approved, staff will conduct public outreach to finalize the routes and service hours.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action. The Community Shuttle is funded 100% through the Broward County Penny for Transportation (Surtax) funding.

Strategic Connections

This item is a 2021 Top Commission Priority, advancing the Transportation and Traffic initiative.

This item supports the Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024 Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- Goal 2: Build a multi-modal and pedestrian friendly community.
- Objective: Improve transportation options and reduce congestion by working with partners

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

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Galt Link Route

Exhibit 2 – Airport Link Route

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Exhibit 3 – Midtown Link Route
Exhibit 4 – Sunrise North Link Route
Exhibit 5 – Midtown Hopper Route
Exhibit 6 – Proposed service changes to existing routes
Exhibit 7 – Resolution

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