



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

FROM: Lee Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: March 19, 2013

TITLE: Public Hearing - Sun Trolley "Beach Link" Bus Route 7-Day Service
Expansion

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission hold a public hearing and approve a motion to increase the number of days of operation for the Beach Link community bus route operated by the Downtown Fort Lauderdale Transportation Management Association (TMA) from four to seven days.

Background

As per Section 2.1.2 and 2.1.3 of both the City-County and City-TMA Interlocal Agreements for Community Bus Service and 49 USC 5307(d)(i)*, a public hearing is required prior to any change in service affecting 25% or more of the route miles. This action will change Exhibit "A" of both the City/County Convention Connection ILA and the City/TMA ILA. Changes shall be effective upon the written consent of the respective Contract Administrators.

The TMA made an adjustment to its Sun Trolley Beach Link service increasing the service from four days per week (Friday through Monday) to seven days per week effective January 2, 2013. The hours of operation (9:30am to 6:30pm) have remained the same and there was no adjustment in fares.

Recognizing that the public hearing did not occur prior to the expansion of the service days, the County asked that a public hearing be conducted to meet the requirements of the ILA. The County is also providing us with the written consent to operate the Community Bus Service on the "Beach Link" seven days a week.

The TMA Executive Board approved the increase in service at its September 12, 2012 meeting. Subsequent to that meeting, the TMA went before the Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) on September 18, 2012, and was granted \$156,000 in 2012-13 fiscal year funding (Exhibit 1).

The City informed Broward County Transit (BCT) of the pending service change on September 24, 2012 (Exhibit 2) and requested additional funding in the amount of \$124,906.32 to operate the service for the year. Of this amount, \$62,536.32 was identified in County Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grant funds and \$62,370 was in County Community Bus funds. The FTA Grant funds were approved and the County Community Bus funds application is pending (Exhibit 3).

Resource Impact

There is currently \$127,871.36 remaining of the original \$156,000 in funding available in the Beach Redevelopment Budget (Index Code DSD070601) as the TMA has already drawn down \$28,128.64 this fiscal year. The funding for this change to the bus service was approved by the CRA Board on September 18, 2012 as part of Commission Agenda Memo 12-2137 (Exhibit 4).

FUNDS AVAILABILITY LOCATION:

FISCAL		SUB		SUB		SUB		AMOUNT
YEAR	FUND	FUND	FUND NAME	INDEX #	INDEX NAME	OBJECT #	SUBJECT NAME	
2013	106	01	Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency	DSD070601	Beach Redevelopment	4207	Promotional Contributions	\$127,871.36
TOTAL								\$127,871.36

Related CAM(s): #12-2137, 12-2304

Attachments:

- Exhibit 1 – CRA Agenda Memo (9.18.12)
- Exhibit 2 – City letter to BCT (9.24.12)
- Exhibit 3 – BCT Additional Community Bus Funding Application (11.16.12)
- Exhibit 4 – Consolidated Budget Amendment (CAM 12-2304, Item L)

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

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