



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

#18-0204

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

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

DATE: April 3, 2018

TITLE: Motion Approving the Second Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with
Broward County for Community Bus Services

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve and authorize the City Manager to execute a Second Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with Broward County for Community Bus Services.

Background

On October 7, 2014, the City Commission authorized the execution of an ILA with Broward County for Community Bus Services. The ILA provided financial assistance for the operation of Community Bus routes. On June 2, 2015, the City approved a First Amendment of the ILA terminating the Lease Only Agreement and effecting the transfer of seven vehicles to the City; as well as, amending Exhibit F to reflect updated financial assistance for operations of the Community Bus Service on the Neighborhood Link route.

The Second Amendment to the ILA includes an amendment to the reporting requirements section, eliminating the need to report National Transit Database (NTD) information to Broward County as listed in Exhibit C, as well as, deleting the reference to the Galt Link route within Exhibit F in the agreement now that it has been discontinued by the City.

In FY 2016, the Federal Transit Administration revised their reporting standards to eliminate consolidated reports and now have all transit providers report directly to the NTD. Before this rule, Broward County reported for themselves and all of the City Community Bus systems collectively. The purpose of eliminating consolidated reporting was that it made it difficult to validate and assure the accuracy of NTD data. Since the rule change, the City of Fort Lauderdale submits all federally-mandated annual reports directly; therefore, it is no longer necessary for the City to continue to provide certain specific reports of those listed in Exhibit C directly to Broward County.

The ridership on the Galt Link Sun Trolley Route has been declining for the past two

years. According to the ILA, in order to retain funding assistance from Broward County a route must not fall below 7.1 passengers per hour for a 12 month consecutive period. On May 31, 2017, Broward County discontinued Community Bus funding for the Galt Link due to not meeting that requirement. On November 21, 2017, the City Commission voted to suspend Galt Link services for up to 18 months to study alternatives, effective December 1, 2017; therefore, requiring an amendment to Exhibit F of the ILA to remove the reference to the Galt Link funding being provided.

Resource Impact

There is no additional fiscal impact with this action. Broward County removed funding effective FY 2017, and Commission has discontinued the route.

Strategic Connections:

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*.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – City/County Community Bus ILA
Exhibit 2 – City/County Community Bus ILA Amendment 1
Exhibit 3 – City/County Community Bus ILA Amendment 2

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