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TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: February 19, 2013

TITLE: Public Hearing - Sun Trolley "Galt Link" Bus Service Fare Increase and

Route Extension

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission hold a public hearing and approve the proposed fare increase and route extension to the Galt Link community bus route that is operated by the Downtown Fort Lauderdale Transportation Management Association (TMA).

<u>Background</u>

The TMA is proposing two adjustments to its Sun Trolley Galt Link service. The first is to reintroduce a fare to the route, which is currently free, to match the fares being charged on the Beach and Las Olas Links. That fare is 50 cents per ride and \$2.00 for an All-Day pass. The Galt Link previously had a fare of 25 cents from October 2, 2006 through May 31, 2008.

The second adjustment is to extend the service north along US 1 from Holy Cross Hospital to Imperial Point Hospital. No additional hours of service are required with this extension; therefore, there will be no increase in operating costs.

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 the implementation of a fare and prior to any change in service affecting 25% or more of the route. This action will change Exhibit "A" of both the City/County ILA and the City/TMA ILA. These changes shall be effective upon the written consent of the County Contract Administrator.

In addition to the required public hearing, TMA staff held outreach meetings with the community at the Fountainhead Condominium on November 5, 2012 and at the Beach Community Center on December 5, 2012. At both meetings, the TMA staff received unanimous votes from the attending public to make both proposed adjustments. The

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TMA Executive Board also approved the adjustments at its November 28, 2012 meeting.

The effective date of the fare and route change will be March 1, 2013.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact to the City associated with this action.

Attachment:

Exhibit 1 – Proposed Galt Link Map & Timetable

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

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