



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

#13-1007

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

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

DATE: November 19, 2013

TITLE: Resolution approving grant application, acceptance, and grant agreement with Florida Department of Transportation for the Service Development Program in the amount of \$165,560 total for the expansion of the SunTrolley Beach Route. Grant match will be funded by the Downtown Fort Lauderdale Transportation Management Association

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution for after-the-fact approval to apply for the Service Development grant and authorizing the proper City officials to accept and execute the grant agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in the amount of \$165,560 subject to the terms and conditions of the Fourth Amendment to the Agreement between the City and the Downtown Fort Lauderdale Transportation Management Association (TMA).

Background

At the July 2, 2013 meeting, the Commission approved Transportation and Mobility (TAM) Department's request to apply for a Transit Corridor program grant for capital equipment and operating costs for the expansion of the Beach Link of the SunTrolley service (#13-0759). Subsequently, TAM was informed by FDOT that because of funding constraints, an application for the Service Development program would be more successful. The Transit Corridor application was withdrawn and a Service Development application was submitted in late July 2013 for the same amount of total funds and services as the original request to the Commission. This request includes after-the-fact approval of the application for the Service Development grant as well as the acceptance of the grant awards and execution of the agreements.

Service Development operating funds of \$165,560 will be used to expand the current Beach Link to daily service by adding Tuesday-Thursday service days. A second year of funding is possible, contingent upon project performance and the availability of FDOT funds. These extra days will give tourists, convention attendees, neighbors, and workers more consistent and reliable transit, reducing congestion and the environmental effects from personal vehicles

along sensitive waterways. No additional City cash match is required; match funds of \$165,560 will be provided by the Downtown Fort Lauderdale Transportation Management Association (DFLTMA) current non-grant funding sources including the Beach Community Redevelopment Authority, Broward County Transit, gas tax revenues, and private contributions under the terms of the operating agreement between the City and the TMA. This is a reimbursement grant and the City will draw down grant funds after reimbursing the DFLTMA for their grant-eligible expenses. The grant will fund eligible expenses as outlined in the agreements with the TMA.

The City and the TMA have a current agreement for community bus operations, approved by the Commission October 1, 2013, CAM #13-1208 M-12.

Resource Impact

There is no net fiscal impact to the City. Funds were appropriated 11/5/13, CAM 13-1372 Consolidated Budget Amendment.

Appropriate Revenue

FISCAL		SUB				SUB		
YEAR	FUND	FUND	FUND NAME	INDEX #	INDEX NAME	OBJECT #	SUBJECT NAME	AMOUNT
2014	129	01	Miscellaneous Federal/State/County Grants	GSVCBEACH14	FDOT-Transit Corridor Downtown	D479	Florida Department of Transportation	165,560
TOTAL								165,560

Appropriate Expenses

FISCAL		SUB				SUB		
YEAR	FUND	FUND	FUND NAME	INDEX #	INDEX NAME	OBJECT #	SUBJECT NAME	AMOUNT
2014	129	01	Miscellaneous Federal/State/County Grants	GSVCBEACH14	FDOT-Transit Corridor Downtown	3299	Other Services	165,560
TOTAL								165,560

Strategic Connection

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 SunTrolley as an overall complement to upcoming major transportation projects.

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

Related CAMs:

#13-1208 10/1/13

#13-1372 11/5/13

#13-0965 8/20/13

Attachments:

Exhibit 1 – FDOT Grant Agreement

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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