



CITY OF
FORT LAUDERDALE

August 28, 2012

Ms. Bertha Henry, County Administrator
Broward County Administration Office
115 South Andrews Avenue, Room 409
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Re: Housing Authority of the City of Fort Lauderdale (HACFL) Community Bus Service Funding

Dear Ms. Henry:

On August 21, 2012, the Fort Lauderdale City Commission held a public hearing regarding the discontinuance of the HACFL Community Bus Service funded through an agreement between Broward County and City of Fort Lauderdale for Community Bus Service, which the City proposes not to renew, effective October 1, 2012. The Commission deferred taking action for non-renewal of the City-County Community Bus Interlocal Agreement until its September 5, 2012 meeting. The purpose of this letter is to request that the County reconsider increasing funding for the HACFL Community Bus Blue and Red routes for continued service, given the high ridership and need for these routes.

Currently, the County provides \$15 per revenue service hour for both routes that run Monday through Friday from 7:00am to 5:00pm. The current annual funding level is approximately \$75,465. This service is in jeopardy due to the Housing Authority's non-renewal of their contract with the City due to an approximate \$56,312 shortfall for operations including fuel, labor and maintenance.

Attached, please find a copy of the HACFL timetable and map. As you can see, both routes extend outside of the City limits of Fort Lauderdale into Lauderhill (Lauderhill Mall) and Plantation. This constitutes approximately 32% of the route mileage that operate outside of the City's jurisdiction. In the HACFL's Mobility Management Plan study released in August 2011, it was discovered that only 7.7% of its riders were actually residents of HACFL properties. Therefore, we believe that since these routes serve a regional population, there should be a partnership with the county and the other jurisdictions to provide this much needed and popular service.



The Blue and Red routes have some of the highest ridership numbers in the county with 15.4 and 20.5 Passengers Per Hour (PPH), respectively, and serving an average of 6,400+ riders monthly. These routes are vital to the community in that they provide a free service to the area's low-income population, as well as the elderly. While there may be other routes that technically duplicate these routes, they may not provide the ease and convenience riders have enjoyed with the Blue and Red routes. The elimination of these routes will create an immediate negative impact in the community. Without additional funding from the County, this service will discontinue on October 1, 2012.

There is a possibility of the Downtown Fort Lauderdale Transportation Management Association (TMA) agreeing to operate these routes in the future; however, the TMA Board has made it very clear that they will do this only if the routes are 100% funded by other parties. When the County reduced its Community Bus funding contribution from \$20 per hour to the current \$15 per hour in the 2009-10 fiscal year, no provisions were made to increase the maximum percentage (50%) of the full adult fixed-route fare that a municipality charges to offset the additional costs. At that same time, the County increased the minimum PPH standard from 5.0 to 7.1 PPH. The TMA struggles with the low \$15 per hour funding provided by the County for their routes and cannot make the financial commitment to extend the services they currently provide.

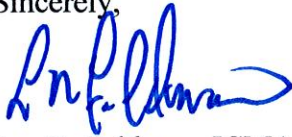
There is a specific issue for Gateway Terrace, an elderly community, which has been without bus service since the BCT Route #55 in that area was discontinued in November 2008 due to low ridership. It has been a continuing quest by the community to regain bus service. The TMA and the City are not averse to providing service to Gateway Terrace if the County provides 100% funding for the service. We feel this request is not without precedent, as in November 2010 when Broward County cut BCT Route #57 in Tamarac, it provided 100% funding to Tamarac's Red Bus Route to help compensate for the loss of service.

In summary, Renewal of the city-county interlocal agreement is contingent upon the county agreeing to the following:

- Additional \$56,312 for continual service of the HACFL Blue and Red routes for the 2012-13 fiscal year
- Amend the interlocal agreements to increase the Community Bus fare ceiling higher than 50% of the BCT full adult fixed route fare
- Provide 100% funding to allow the TMA to provide service to Gateway Terrace

Thank you in advance for your expedited consideration of these requests before the next City Commission meeting, September 5, 2012.

Sincerely,



Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM
City Manager

Attachment: HACFL Timetable and Map

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Housing Authority Community Bus Service

The City of Fort Lauderdale and Broward County Transit (BCT) are providing this community bus service to increase the number of destinations that can be reached through Public Transit. This route visits the African American Research Library, 7th Avenue Health Center, Mizell Center, Swap Shop, Lauderdale Mall Transit Terminal, Housing Authority properties and downtown Fort Lauderdale.

This community bus service connects to BCT routes 1, 6, 9, 10, 11, 14, 18, 20, 22, 30, 31, 36, 40, 50, 60, 81 and US 1 Breeze, also connecting to Lauderdale Lakes, Plantation and Fort Lauderdale TMA Sun Trolley Community Buses. The bus is air-conditioned, wheelchair accessible and has bike racks.

Hours of Operation

Monday – Friday, 7:00 am – 5:00 pm

The Community Bus travels approximately every 90 minutes, with assigned stops. Please refer to the timetables and map on the reverse side for times at destinations. The bus will operate as close to schedule as possible. Conditions in traffic, bridges, trains and/or weather may cause the bus to arrive earlier or later. Please allow yourself enough time when using the service. The community bus will not operate when a hurricane warning has been issued.

Holiday Schedule

This community bus service does not run on Saturday, Sunday or the following holidays observed by the Housing Authority of the City of Fort Lauderdale.

New Year's Day • Martin Luther King Day
President's Day • Memorial Day
Independence Day • Labor Day
Veteran's Day • Thanksgiving Day and
the day after Thanksgiving • Christmas Day

For additional information about the Housing Authority of the City of Fort Lauderdale routes, please call:

954.525.6444

Hearing-impaired/TTY

954.523.0514

Visit the Housing Authority of the City of Fort Lauderdale web site at:
(www.hacfl.gov)

For more information about BCT routes, fares or connections, call:

BCT Rider Info:

954.357.8400

Hearing-impaired/TTY

954.357.8302

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CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964 AS AMENDED**
Any person(s) or group(s) who believes that they have been subjected to discrimination because of race, color, or national origin, under any transit program or activity provided by Broward County Transit (BCT), may call 954-357-5481 to file a Title VI discrimination complaint or write to Broward County Transportation Department, Compliance Manager, 3201 West Copans Road, Bldg. 1, Pompano Beach, Florida 33069.

This public document was promulgated at a cost of \$483.00, or \$0.76 per copy, to inform the public about community bus service.
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**FORT LAUDERDALE
Housing Authority
Blue and Red Routes**



**Community Bus Service
Routes and Timetables**



BIKE RACKS

Bike racks are available on the Community Buses. Racks are designed to carry two bikes only. It is important to have the operator's attention before loading and unloading your bike. As the bus approaches, have your bike ready to load. Remove any loose items that may fall off.

Loading

- Always load your bike from the curbside of the street.
- Lower-Squeeze the handle and pull down to release the folded bike rack.
- Lift your bike into the rack fitting the wheels into the slot of the vacant position closest to the bus.
- Latch-Pull and release the support arm over the front tire, making sure the support arm is resting on the tire, not on the fender or frame.

Unloading

- Before exiting the bus notify operator you are removing your bike.
- Pull the support arm off the tire. Move the support arm down and out of the way. Lift your bike out of the rack. If your bike is the only one on the rack, return the rack to the upright position.

Move quickly to the curb.

Effective: March 2011

Housing Authority of the City of Fort Lauderdale

BLUE ROUTE

Broward Central Terminal	7th Ave Health Center	Regal Trace NW 5 CT/NW 4 A	Winn-Dixie Plaza Sunrise & Powerline	Sunnyland Homes	Sistrunk Blvd & NW 15 Ave	African American Research Library	Suncrest Court Housing	Sunrise Blvd & Swap Shop	Lauderhill Mall Transit Terminal	Lauderhill Mall Transit Terminal	Sunrise Blvd & Swap Shop	Suncrest Court Housing	African American Research Library	Sistrunk Blvd & NW 15 Ave	Sunnyland Homes	Winn-Dixie Plaza Sunrise & Powerline	Regal Trace NW 5 CT/NW 4 A	7th Ave Health Center	Broward Central Terminal
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8:41a	8:43a	8:44a	8:49a	8:53a	8:56a	9:02a	9:07a	9:13a	9:21a	9:23a	9:28a	9:35a	9:43a	9:45a	9:49a	9:56a	10:00a	10:01a	10:03a
10:08a	10:12a	10:13a	10:18a	10:22a	10:25a	10:31a	10:36a	10:42a	10:48a	10:50a	10:55a	11:02a	11:10a	11:12a	11:16a	11:23a	11:27a	11:28a	11:30a
MID-DAY BREAK																			
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1:57p	1:59p	2:00p	2:05p	2:09p	2:12p	2:16p	2:25p	2:33p	2:44p	2:47p	2:54p	3:02p	3:14p	3:16p	3:20p	3:27p	3:31p	3:32p	3:34p
3:38p	3:40p	3:41p	3:46p	3:50p	3:53p	3:59p	4:04p	4:10p	4:18p	4:20p	4:25p	4:32p	4:40p	4:42p	4:46p	4:53p	4:57p	4:58p	5:00p
Westbound										Eastbound									

RED ROUTE

Broward Central Terminal	County Courthouse SW-SE 6 ST & Andrews Ave	Sailboat Bend Apt	Dixie Court Apt	Sunny Reach Townhomes	African American Research Library	Cooperative Feeding	Department of Children and Families	Lauderhill Mall Transit Terminal	Lauderhill Mall Transit Terminal	Department of Children and Families	Cooperative Feeding	African American Research Library	Sunny Reach Townhomes	Dixie Court Apt	Sailboat Bend Apt	County Courthouse SW-SE 6 ST & Andrews Ave	Broward Central Terminal
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8:41a	8:44a	8:48a	8:55a	9:01a	9:08a	9:12a	9:16a	9:21a	9:23a	9:28a	9:32a	9:36a	9:42a	9:48a	9:55a	9:59a	10:03a
10:08a	10:11a	10:15a	10:22a	10:28a	10:35a	10:39a	10:43a	10:48a	10:50a	10:55a	11:03a	11:09a	11:15a	11:22a	11:28a	11:30a	
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3:38p	3:41p	3:45p	3:52p	3:58p	4:05p	4:09p	4:13p	4:18p	4:20p	4:25p	4:29p	4:33p	4:38p	4:44p	4:51p	4:55p	5:00p
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