



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

**#22-0625**

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

**FROM:** Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** July 5, 2022

**TITLE:** Public Hearing to Reinstate and Expand the Galt Mile Link Service Hours  
and Expand the Service Hours for the Beach Link, Downtown Link, Las Olas  
Link and Neighborhood Link - (**Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4**)

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the City Commission hold a public hearing to reinstate and expand the Galt Mile Link service hours and expand the levels of service for the Beach Link, Downtown Link, Las Olas Link and Neighborhood Link of LauderGO! Community Shuttle Service.

**Background**

The City has been a partner in Broward County's Community Shuttle Program since September 15, 2009. These services are fully funded for operations and maintenance by Broward County's Penny for Transportation Surtax. The City recently rebranded its community shuttle service to LauderGO! which is a free transportation option for City of Fort Lauderdale residents and visitors. LauderGO! Community Shuttle service has five routes that improve mobility and connectivity within the City, covering areas that larger Broward County Transit (BCT) buses are unable to serve, and linking passengers to destinations across the city and to the larger transit network. The LauderGO! Community Shuttle service also receives supplemental support from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the City for planning, management, capital and other incidental expenses not covered by the surtax funding.

In December 2018, the service routes were modified as the service standards of 7.1 passengers per hour were not met. At that time, the Galt Route was discontinued, and the other routes were modified by stopping service during hours with low ridership. These changes negatively impacted the overall benefit of the service as the operating times became compressed and not conducive for those commuting to and from work.

On May 18, 2021, the City Commission adopted a resolution supporting the proposal for new Community Shuttle routes and service changes to restore the service levels. The resolution was included in the City of Fort Lauderdale's application to Broward County Transit's Fiscal Year 2022 Community Shuttle Program Transportation Surtax Funding.

On January 5, 2022, the City was awarded funding for expanded services.

The FTA and the Interlocal Agreement requires that the City conduct a public hearing in advance of making changes to the operating schedule. The changes to the operating schedule are listed below:

Route	Current Service	Proposed Service
Galt Mile Link	No Service	Weekdays 9:00am – 6:23pm Saturday - Sunday 12:00pm – 8:02pm
Beach Link	Daily 10:30am – 5:00pm	Weekdays 9:30am – 6:33pm Saturday 9:30am – 6:29pm Sunday 9:30am – 6:40pm
Downtown Link	Weekdays 9:00am – 5:00pm	Weekdays 7:30am – 6:00pm
Las Olas Link	Friday – Sunday 10:30am – 5:00pm	Friday 10:00am – 8:05pm Saturday 10:00am – 8:25pm Sunday 10:00am – 8:00pm
Neighborhood Link	Weekdays 8:00am – 1:10pm	Weekdays 8:00am – 1:19pm

**Resource Impact**

The annual fiscal impact of this action will be \$575,696.13. The financial impact will increase the City’s Community Shuttle operating budget and funding from Broward County Transit to \$1,703,624.56.

**Strategic Connections**

This item is a 2022 Top Commission Priority, advancing the Transportation and Traffic initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- Goal 2: Build a multi-modal and pedestrian friendly community.
- Objective: Improve transportation options and reduce congestion by working with partners.

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

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