

City of Fort Lauderdale
City Commission Agenda Item

12-0743

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee Feldman, City Manager

DATE: August 21, 2012

TITLE: Public Hearing to consider the discontinuation of community bus routes and non-renewal of the Interlocal Agreement between Broward County and City of Fort Lauderdale for Community Bus Service

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission hold a public hearing to consider the discontinuation of community bus service routes and approve a motion authorizing the City Manager to notify Broward County of the City's intent not to renew the Interlocal Agreement between Broward County and City of Fort Lauderdale for Community Bus Service.

Background

On September 15, 2009, the City Commission approved an interlocal agreement with Broward County to provide community bus service along routes identified as the Red and Blue routes ("ILA") attached as Exhibit 1. The City entered an agreement with the Housing Authority of the City of Fort Lauderdale (HACFL) to provide the community bus service along these routes on the City's behalf that expires on September 30, 2012. The HACFL staff informed the City on July 19, 2012 of their intent to recommend to the HACFL Board of Commissioners not to renew this agreement due to insufficient funding. The HACFL Board approved a motion at its August 9, 2012 meeting not to renew their agreement with the City and as a result the City will not have a provider to continue the service after September 30, 2012.

The ILA also expires on September 30, 2012 if not renewed. Staff recommends that the City Commission does not renew the Interlocal agreement with Broward County for Community Bus Service.

This public hearing is in compliance with 49 USC Section 5307(d)(l) and Section 2.1.3 of the Interlocal Agreement with Broward County that states that a public hearing shall be held prior to the discontinuing or adjustment of any transit route in its entirety. This recommendation takes all Federal Title VI regulations into account.

Resource Impact

This action will not impact the City's fiscal budget as there are no City funds currently contributing towards the HACFL bus service; however, the City will no longer apply for or receive pass-through Broward County Community Bus funds for this service. The City has not provided bus funding to the HACFL in the past.

Attachment(s)

- Exhibit 1 Interlocal Agreement with Broward County
- Exhibit 2 Letter from HACFL
- Exhibit 3 Notice of Public Hearing sent to Broward County

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