



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

#13-1448

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

FROM: Lee Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: November 19, 2013

TITLE: Resolution approving grant acceptance, and agreement for the Florida Department of Transportation Transit Corridor Program in the amount of \$181,773 for a new Uptown Fort Lauderdale community bus route.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution authorizing the proper City officials to accept and execute a Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in the amount of \$181,773, contingent upon adoption of an Agreement between the City and the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) for the lease and operation of the route vehicles prior to any expenditure and/or drawdown of the grant funds.

Background

At the July 2, 2013 meeting, the Commission approved the Transportation and Mobility (TAM) Department's request to apply for a Transit Corridor grant for this new route, CAM 13-0405.

Transit Corridor operating funds of \$181,773 will be used to create new mid-day service to link commuters, students, employees, and visitors in the Cypress Creek Road area to the Cypress Creek Tri-Rail station and surrounding restaurants, shops, educational campuses, the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport, and other destinations. The route was requested by businesses in the area and is supported by the Fort Lauderdale Uptown group, comprised of representatives of dozens of establishments along this corridor. This demonstration service will fill the gap between the existing morning and afternoon shuttle service provided by Tri-Rail, and is intended to promote the use of public transit, reduce congestion, and encourage business development in the area. Two more years of funding are possible, contingent upon project performance and the availability of FDOT funds. Ridership will be tracked and, if the required grant objectives are met, the route will be eligible for a third year of funding. During that time, the Uptown group and the City will work to establish funding sources to sustain the service beyond the grant period. The grant includes funding to market the service in the area to help establish and build demand for the route.

Buses for the route will be leased from the SFRTA under an upcoming agenda item that will

feature this agreement.

Resource Impact

There is no net fiscal impact to the City. Funds were appropriated for this request via CAM #13-1372 Consolidated Budget Amendment at the 11/5/13 meeting.

APPROPRIATE REVENUE

FISCAL YEAR	FUND	SUB FUND AMOUNT	FUND NAME	INDEX #	INDEX NAME	SUB OBJECT #	SUBJECT NAME	
2014	129	01	Miscellaneous Federal/State/County Grants	GTRANUPTWN14	FDOT-Transit Corridor Uptown	D479	Florida Department of Transportation	\$181,773
TOTAL								\$181,773

APPROPRIATE EXPENSES

FISCAL YEAR	FUND	SUB FUND AMOUNT	FUND NAME	INDEX #	INDEX NAME	SUB OBJECT #	SUBJECT NAME	
2014	129	01	Miscellaneous Federal/State/County Grants	GTRANUPTWN14	FDOT-Transit Corridor Uptown	3299	Other Services	\$181,773
TOTAL								\$181,773

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:

#13-0995 11/19/13

#13-1372 11/5/13

#13-0965 8/20/13

Attachments:

Exhibit 1 Transit Corridor Uptown Route JPA-Operating

Exhibit 2 Resolution

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