



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

**#14-0109**

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

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

**DATE:** February 18, 2014

**TITLE:** Resolution Approving an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the South Florida  
Regional Transportation Authority for the Uptown Link Community Bus  
Service and to Delegate Authority to the City Manager to Make  
Amendments to the ILA

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) for a new three-year pilot community bus service to be called the Uptown Link and to delegate authority to the City Manager to make amendments to the ILA.

**Background**

At the request of businesses in Uptown Fort Lauderdale, the City is introducing a mid-day bus service circulating from the Cypress Creek Tri-Rail train station. The goal of the new Uptown Link community bus service is to create a link for commuters, students, employees, and visitors in the Uptown Fort Lauderdale area to the Cypress Creek Tri-Rail station and surrounding restaurants, shops, educational campuses, the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport, and other destinations.

This demonstration project 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. The service is supported by the Uptown Fort Lauderdale Group, comprised of representatives of area businesses, educational institutions and property owners.

Funding for this service is provided by a \$181,773 Transit Corridor grant from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), which the City Commission accepted at its November 19, 2013 meeting. Ridership will be tracked and, if the required grant objectives are met, the service will be eligible for up to two more years of grant funding. During that time, the Uptown Fort Lauderdale Group and the City will work to establish funding sources to sustain the service beyond the grant period. There is zero net cost to the City for this service because 100% of the cost is reimbursable by the FDOT grant.

Funds were appropriated for this request via CAM #13-1372 Consolidated Budget Amendment at the November 5, 2013 meeting. SFRTA will provide a turnkey operation at a cost of \$55 per revenue service hour. The City will pay SFRTA directly for the service and be reimbursed from FDOT grant proceeds.

The demonstration period for this pilot project is not-to-exceed three years commencing on March 1, 2014.

**Resource Impact**

There is no net fiscal impact to the City with this action.

<i>Funds available as of: January 10, 2014</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	OBJECT CODE/ SUB- OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Object Code)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Object Code)	PURCHASE AMOUNT
129-GTRANUPTWN14- D479	FDOT - Transit Corridor Uptown	Other Uses	\$181,773	\$181,773	\$181,773
				<b>PURCHASE TOTAL</b>	\$181,773

**Strategic Connection**

1. 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 6:** Partner with agencies and businesses to increase commuter car-pooling and to incentivize and encourage mass transit use.

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

Attachment:

Exhibit 1 Uptown Link SFRTA Interlocal Agreement

Exhibit 2 Resolution

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