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TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

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

DATE: October 23, 2018

TITLE: Public Hearing Approving Modifications to the Northwest Community Link

and Neighborhood Link Routes

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve route modifications operated by the Sun Trolley to the Northwest Community Link transit route and the Neighborhood Link transit route.

Background

The Northwest Community Link is among the most successful Sun Trolley routes. In Fiscal Year 2017, the Northwest Community Link had the second highest overall ridership among the community bus routes.

The Northwest Community Link and Neighborhood Link were identified as having potential for improvement upon the already successful service in the 2017 Transit Master Plan. City staff and the Transportation Management Authority (TMA) engaged in outreach between September 2017 and April 2018 to collect community feedback on desired changes and modifications. Over 700 contacts were made with neighbors, in person and through an online survey, including reaching out to each neighborhood association within the service area of the route to receive comments on possible improvements and to review the proposed route. There were also four general charrettes held for the same purpose. Additionally, demographics, existing ridership trends, and overlaps with Broward County Transit bus routes were considered when developing the recommendations.

The routes have been developed using the input received, as well as input from the TMA, to balance the current budget shortfall with the needs of the community. The proposed routes will maintain service within these areas while allowing for expansion if additional funding is secured in the future.

Exhibits 1 and 2 illustrate the proposed route maps and timetables for the new service, which will be effective on or after December 3, 2018.

As this change in the route affects 25% or more of the route, the City must hold a public hearing pursuant to Title 49 of the United States Code (U.S.C.) 5307(c)(1)(I) and our Interlocal Agreement with Broward County.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action because it is not changing the number of overall service hours, but instead reallocating them within the new route with more efficient service. Partial funding for this service is provided by a new Transit Corridor Grant from the Florida Department of Transportation. Additional funding is received from the Northwest Progresso Flagler Heights Community Redevelopment Agency for services within that redevelopment area.

Strategic Connection

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- 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 carpooling and to incentivize and encourage mass transit use.

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

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Proposed Route Maps

Exhibit 2 – Proposed Timetables

Exhibit 3 – Existing Maps & Timetables

Exhibit 4 – City-County Interlocal Agreement

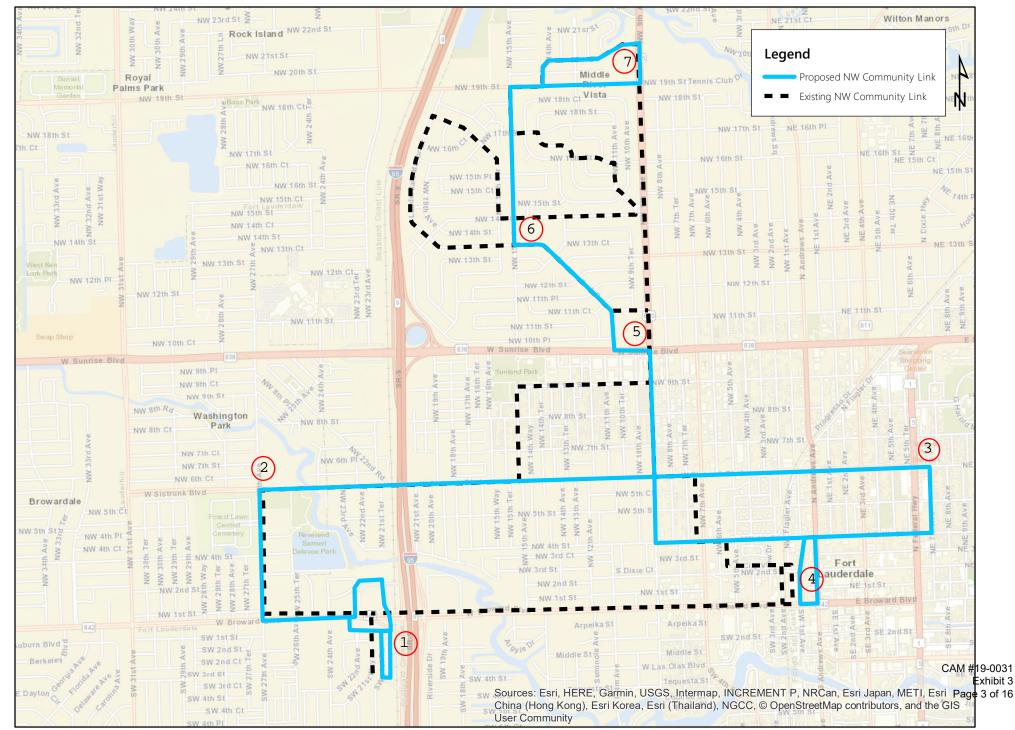
Exhibit 5 - First Amendment to City-County Interlocal Agreement

Exhibit 6 - Second Amendment to City-County Interlocal Agreement

Exhibit 7 - Third Amendment to City-County Interlocal Agreement-Partially Executed

Prepared by: Alan Budde, Transportation and Mobility

Department Director: Julie Leonard, Transportation and Mobility



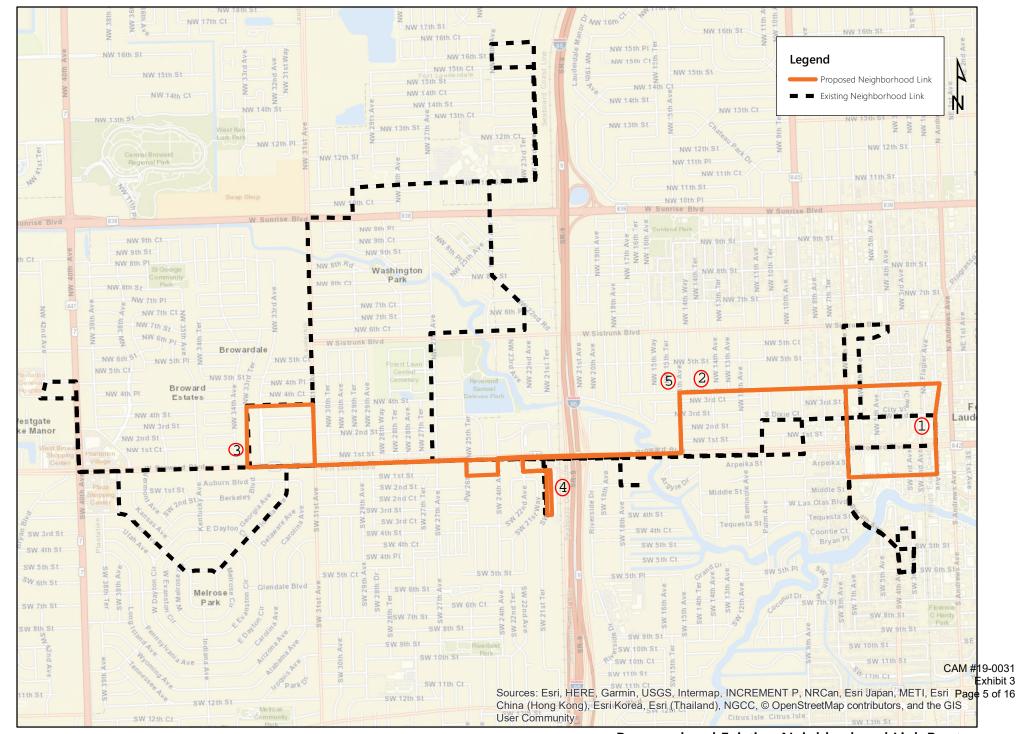
Northwest Community Link Proposed Schedule

Northbound

	Tri Rail	African American Research Library	Winn Dixie	Broward Central Bus Terminal	Powerline Rd. / Sunrise Blvd.	Lauderdale Manors Elementary	Hillmont Gardens
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	7:15	7:20	7:30	7:40	7:50	7:54	7:58
2	8:00	8:05	8:15	8:25	8:35	8:39	8:43
1	8:45	8:50	9:00	9:10	9:20	9:24	9:28
2	9:30	9:35	9:45	9:55	10:05	10:09	10:13
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Southbound

	Hillmont Gardens	Lauderdale Manors Elementary	Powerline Rd. / Sunrise Blvd.	Broward Central Bus Terminal	Winn Dixie	African American Research Library	Tri Rail
Ī	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
1	6:30	6:34	6:38	6:50	6:56	7:07	7:13
2	7:15	7:19	7:23	7:35	7:41	7:52	7:58
1	8:00	8:04	8:08	8:20	8:26	8:37	8:43
2	8:45	8:49	8:53	9:05	9:11	9:22	9:28
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Neighborhood Link Proposed Schedule

Broward Central Bus Terminal	SW 4th Avenue & SW 14th Street	LifeNet4Familes	Tri Rail	SW 4th Avenue & SW 15th Street	Broward Central Bus Terminal
1	2	3	4	5	1
8:00	8:08	8:20	8:30	8:35	8:40
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#18-0897

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

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

DATE: November 6, 2018

TITLE: Public Hearing to Approve Suspensions and Schedule Changes on Various

Community Bus Service/Sun Trolley Routes due to Budgetary Shortfall

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission reduce Community Bus Service/Sun Trolley routes operated by the Downtown Fort Lauderdale Transportation Management Association, Inc. (TMA) Community Bus Service by suspending the Airport Link and approving schedule changes to the Downtown Link, Beach Link, and Las Olas Link routes.

Background

Pursuant to Section 2.1.3 of the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between the City and TMA and Title 49 of the United States Code (U.S.C.) 5307(c)(1)(l), the City must hold a public hearing prior to any change in service affecting 25% or more of route miles.

For fiscal year 2019, based on current levels of service, the TMA is expected to have expenses of \$2,476,000 and revenue totaling \$2,081,000, with a budgetary shortfall of approximately \$395,000, making continued operation impossible. Fiscal year 2019 will be the third consecutive year experiencing a budgetary shortfall, with the TMA using cash reserves in the amount of \$182,553 in fiscal year 2017 and an estimated \$235,000 during fiscal year 2018. The shortfall is partially due to the loss of funding revenue including grants from Broward County and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), as well as increased operational cost associated with leased vehicles which replaced retired Cityowned fleet vehicles during fiscal year 2017. The proposed schedule changes will reduce operational expenses during fiscal year 2019 by an estimated \$441,000 to \$2,035,000 but will further lower grant funding and farebox revenue by at least \$46,000 due to the reduction in service hours.

The following service changes are recommended:

- Suspension of the Airport Link;
- Changing the schedule on the Beach Link from 9:30 AM to 6:30 PM to 10:30 AM to 5:00 PM:
- Changing the Downtown Link schedule from 7:30 AM 6:00 PM to 9:00 AM 5:00 PM:
- Changing the Las Olas Link schedule from Friday Monday 9:30 AM 6:30 PM to Friday, Saturday and Sunday only 10:30 AM – 5:00 PM

TMA approved the proposed bus route suspensions and schedule changes at its board meeting on September 26, 2018.

Resource Impact

There is no additional resource impact. The current funding provided to the TMA is not enough to operate the Sun Trolley at the current service levels. The City provides \$444,152 through City Gas Tax and City Parking funds, pass-through funding from Broward County Transit, and a variety of pass-through grant funds. The existing appropriated funding will continue to be provided to TMA for the operation of the City's Sun Trolley Community Bus Service.

Strategic Connection

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Attachments

Exhibit 1 - TMA Sun Trolley Route Maps & Timetables

Exhibit 2 - Public Hearing Ad for Service Changes

Prepared by: Karen Warfel, Transportation and Mobility

Interim Department Director: Julie Leonard, Transportation and Mobility



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Airport Link

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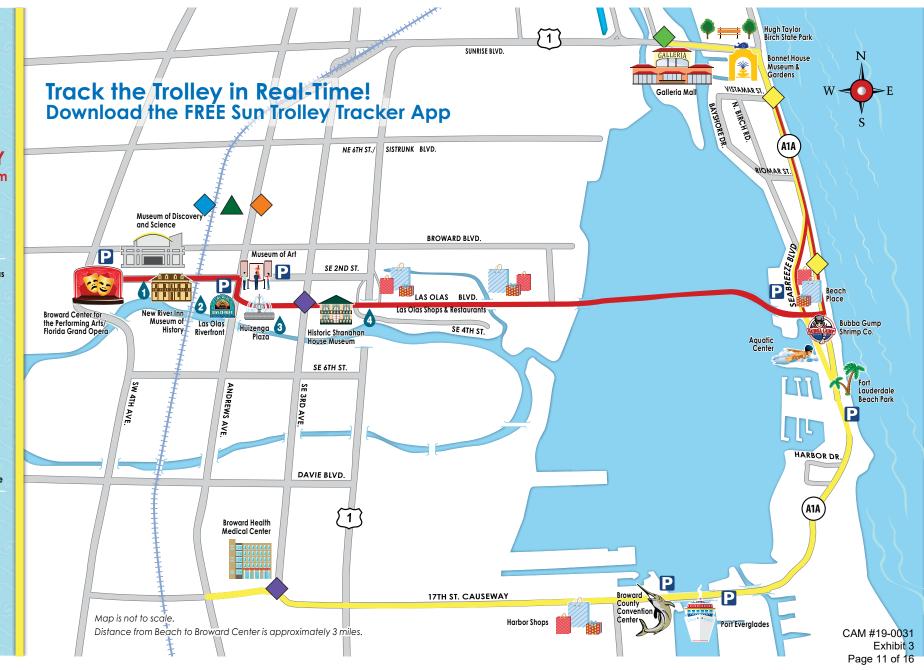


- Las Olas Link
- Beach Link
- Public Parking
- Transfer from the Las Olas Link route to the Beach Link Route at Beach Place and at A1A and Vistamar St.
- Galt Link Connection
- Downtown Link Connection
- Neighborhood Link Connection
- NW Community Link Connection
- Broward County Transit Central Terminal Connecting to: 1, 6, 9, 10, 11, 14, 20, 22, 30, 31, 40, 50, 60, 81, and US1 Breeze

WATER TROLLEY CONNECTIONS

- **Esplanade Park**
- Riverfront Plaza
 - Huizenga Plaza
 - Laura Ward Plaza

NOTE: All trolleys are red and yellow, the colors depicted here are just for mapping purposes.





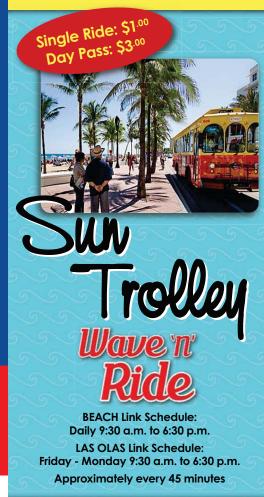
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Broward County Transit (BCT)

Beach Link Las Olas Link

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CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE City Commission Agenda Memo REGULAR MEETING

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

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

DATE: November 6, 2018

TITLE: Public Hearing to Create a New Shuttle Route to Serve the Fort Lauderdale

Brightline Station, Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Esplanade Park, Himmarshee Street, Las Olas Boulevard and Nova Southeastern University

Art Museum/Bubier Park

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission hold a public hearing to create a new shuttle route to serve the Fort Lauderdale Brightline Station, Esplanade Park, Himmarshee Street, Las Olas Boulevard, and Nova Southeastern University (NSU) Art Museum/Bubier Park.

Background

Pursuant to Section 2.1.3 of the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between the City and the Downtown Fort Lauderdale Transportation Management Association, Inc. (TMA) and Title 49 of the United States Code (U.S.C.) 5307(b), the City must provide an opportunity for a public hearing prior to implementing a new transit route.

City staff worked with TMA to develop the new proposed Brightline Shuttle route as provided in Exhibit 1 attached hereto. The TMA approved the route at their Board Meeting on September 26, 2018. The route will serve the Fort Lauderdale Brightline Station, Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Esplanade Park, Himmarshee Street, Las Olas Boulevard and the NSU Art Museum/Bubier Park, providing a critical transportation link for travelers to reach downtown locations. The route will operate seven days a week totaling 60 hours per week, with a split schedule during weekdays and a longer span of service during the weekend. The shuttle will run every 20 minutes between 7:30 AM – 10:30 AM; 3 PM – 7 PM Monday through Friday, 9:30 AM – 12:00 AM (midnight) Saturday, and 9:30 AM – 8:00 PM Sunday. The route will be adjusted occasionally, as needed to coordinate with Brightline train schedules.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact at this time, as the funding has not been identified for the proposed new shuttle route. A budget amendment will be put on a future Commission meeting once funding has been identified to operate the route.

Strategic Connection

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Exhibit 1 - Proposed Shuttle Route

Prepared by: Alan Budde, Transportation and Mobility

Department Director: Julie Leonard, Transportation and Mobility

Proposed Brightline Beeline Route 8/23/2018

