

EMPLOYEE PASS PROGRAM - STATUS REPORT

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June 1, 2000 – October 31, 2001

Purpose

This report details how the Employee Pass Program for City, County, and University of Florida employees has performed since it began.

Overview

The Employee Pass Program was created to alleviate traffic and parking problems at the University of Florida and Downtown. The program has been in effect since January 24, 2000, with University of Florida employees being the first organization to initiate the pilot program. The City of Gainesville participation began on April 3, 2000 and Alachua County on July 24, 2000.

Performance Analysis

Since University of Florida employees have been using the Employee Pass Program there have been a total of 141,617 passengers. City/County employee ridership has been 22,013 passengers since the program started in April 2000. There have been a total of 163,630 passengers participating in the Employee Pass Program from January 24, 2000 to October 31, 2001. Table 1 shows the monthly ridership figures. Ridership has increased since the beginning of the program in January 2000 from 2,151 to 9,880 (359 percent) for University employees. For City and County employees ridership increased from 854 to 1,847 (116 percent) since July 24, 2000 when the County became part of this program.

Table 1. Passengers per Month

Month	University of Florida Passengers	City/County Passengers
January (24-31) 2000	2,151	N/A
February 2000	5,553	N/A
March 2000	6,123	N/A
April 2000	5,305	488
May 2000	5,060	432
June 2000	4,863	572
July 2000	4,954	712
August 2000	6,396	854
September 2000	6,999	800
October 2000	7,597	1,079
November 2000	7,229	1,077
December 2000	5,611	1,034
January 2001	7,258	1,158
February 2001	7,822	1,174
March 2001	7,939	1,361
April 2001	7,811	1,482
May 2001	6,339	1,440
June 2001	5,618	1,432
July 2001	6,122	1,570
August 2001	7,371	1,919
September 2001	7,616	1,582
October 2001	9,880	1,847
Total	141,617	22,013

Cost Analysis

The cost of this service is based on the sum of \$4.50 per employee. The Joint Participation Agreement was signed on April 24, 2000. Even though the Joint Participation Agreement (JPA) stated for the second year the rate per employee was set to \$8.70 per employee, upon agreement between Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and Regional Transit System (RTS) the rate remained \$4.50 per employee for the second year.

The table 2 shows the costs for the first year of this project.

Table 2. Total Costs Second Year

Employee Group	Number of Employees	Cost/Employee	Total Cost
University of Florida	13,000	\$4.50	\$58,500
City of Gainesville	900	\$4.50	\$4,050
Alachua County	1,000	\$4.50	\$4,500
Total	14,900	\$4.50	\$67,050

Analyzing the cost per trip for UF employees we have that expenses are \$2,437.50 per month and cost per trip went from \$1.13 in January 2000 to \$0.25 in October 2001. City and County employee expenses are \$356.25 per month and cost per trip went from \$.42 in August 2000 to \$.19 in October 2001. In summary, the cost per trip for employees has decreased to figures less than half fare of \$0.50 per trip demonstrating the success of this program.

