

EMPLOYEE PASS PROGRAM - FINAL REPORT

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June 1, 2000 – December 31, 2006**

Purpose

This report details how the Employee Pass Program for the City of Gainesville, Alachua 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, and encourage employees to use transit as an alternative mode of transportation. 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's participation began on April 3, 2000 and Alachua County on July 24, 2000. The Alachua/Bradford Regional Workforce Board began participating in the pass program on September 11, 2000. The North Florida and South Georgia Veterans Health System, hereafter referred to as the Veterans Administration, joined the program in May 2, 2005 and the Shands Hospital most recently joined in February 1, 2006.

Performance Analysis

Since January 2000, University of Florida employees have used the transit system for approximately 719,978* passenger trips. Since April 2000, approximately 126,799 passenger trips have been taken by employees of the City, County, or Veterans Administration. There have been nearly one million passengers participating in the Employee Pass Program from January 24, 2000 to December 31, 2006. Table 1 shows the monthly ridership figures. Ridership has increased since the beginning of the program in January 2000 from 2,151 to 12,932 (501%) for University of Florida passengers through December 2006. For City of Gainesville, Alachua County, and Veterans Administration employees, ridership has increased from 854 to 5,830 (583%) since July 24, 2000 when the County became part of the program. The Shands Hospital and Alachua/Bradford Regional Workforce Board pass program combined have transported an estimated total of 52,695 passengers in 2006, up 50 percent from the previous year.

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
Total 2000	67,841	7,048
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
November 2001	8,641	2,318
December 2001	6,580	1,367
Total 2001	88,997	18,650
January 2002	7,514	1,268
February 2002	7,396	1,280
March 2002	8,361	1,460
April 2002	9,647	1,655
May 2002	6,918	1,288
June 2002	6,208	1,273
July 2002	7,398	1,108
August 2002	8,300	1,303
September 2002	8,557	1,076
October 2002	10,770	1,296
November 2002	8,588	992
December 2002	7,811	1,025
Total 2002	97,468	15,024

Month	University of Florida Passengers	City, County, and Veterans Administration Passengers	Workforce Board / Shands Hospital (Shands began February 1, 2006)
January 2003	8,526	1,056	270
February 2003	8,809	821	703
March 2003	8,852	893	121
April 2003	9,615	1,106	597
May 2003	7,955	969	526
June 2003	8,990	875	1,367
July 2003	10,145	1,094	2,496
August 2003	9,201	1,006	4,105
September 2003	12,233	1,230	3,506
October 2003	12,942	1,111	4,556
November 2003	8,984	973	3,460
December 2003	8,353	1,075	4,183
Total 2003	114,605	12,209	25,664
January 2004	8,864	935	3,510
February 2004	9,799	977	3,741
March 2004	10,910	1,125	4,565
April 2004	11,093	1,506	3,235
May 2004	7,902	828	398
June 2004	8,764	871	1,201
July 2004	8,547	921	2,739
August 2004	9,904	1,101	3,749
September 2004	11,455	1,128	3,553
October 2004	12,170	1,157	4,286
November 2004	10,927	1,118	3,959
December 2004	8,061	988	3,885
Total 2004	118,396	12,655	38,821
January 2005	10,118	1,061	3,158
February 2005	9,380	893	3,194
March 2005	11,142	1,115	3,352
April 2005	11,108	985	2,925
May 2005	7,283	1,442	4,027
June 2005	7,542	1,621	2,285
July 2005	7,672	1,598	2,216
August 2005	9,369	1,972	2,852
September 2005	9,941	2,391	2,511
October 2005	10,312	2,504	2,878
November 2005	9,699	2,558	2,510
December 2005	7,797	2,281	3,190
Total 2005	111,363	20,421	35,098
January 2006	8,796	2,740	3,224
February 2006	9,673	3,068	4,707
March 2006	12,007	3,618	5,958
April 2006	9,981	3,047	4,993

Month	University of Florida Passengers	City, County, and Veterans Administration Passengers	Workforce Board / Shands Hospital (Shands began February 1, 2006)
May 2006	9,325	3,361	5,830
June 2006	9,344	3,104	2,665
July 2006	8,543	3,180	3,200
August 2006	10,860	4,343	4,436
September 2006	11,342	4,248	4,621
October 2006	12,932	4,290	5,197
November 2006	11,375	3,738	4,264
December 2006*	8,000*	2,200*	3,600*
Total 2006	121,308*	40,792*	52,695*
Total	719,978	126,799	152,278

*Estimates based on actual available data thru December 8, 2006 and past performance figures.

Cost Analysis

Table 2 shows the cost for the seventh year of the program (2006). The cost of this service is based on \$4.50 per employee for 25,849 employees totaling \$116,320.50 for year 2006.

Table 2. Total Cost – Seventh Year (2006)

Employee Group	Number of Employees	Cost/Employee	Total Cost
University of Florida	13,000	\$4.50	\$58,500.00
Shands Hospital	7,949	\$4.50	\$35,770.50
Veterans Administration	2,000	\$4.50	\$9,000.00
Workforce Board	1,000	\$4.50	\$4,500.00
Alachua County	1,000	\$4.50	\$4,500.00
City of Gainesville	900	\$4.50	\$4,050.00
Total	25,849	\$4.50	\$116,320.50

The estimated cost per trip for all employees was \$0.54. For UF employees the cost per trip was \$0.48, for City, County and Veterans Administration Health System employees the cost per trip was \$0.43, and \$0.76 for Shands Hospital and the Alachua/Bradford Regional Workforce Board.

In summary, the goal of this program is to provide unlimited access to the transit system for UF, Shands, Veterans Administration, the Alachua/Bradford Regional Workforce Board, City of Gainesville and Alachua County employees to diminish the cost per trip compared to regular bus fare of \$1.00. Overall, this goal continues to be met annually.