

# Memo



To: Steven Dush  
From: Jesus Gomez, RTS Transit Director  
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Subject: Intercity Transit Service

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Earlier this year, Regional Transit System (RTS) sent letters to all municipalities in Alachua County to determine their interest in intercity services and the possibility of including funding in the Transportation Surtax list. The cities of Alachua, Newberry, Archer and Waldo expressed interest but none of them included intercity services on the surtax list.

RTS also studied intercity services as part of the Transit Development Plan (TDP) and Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA) studies but during cost/benefit analysis it was recommended to invest funds within the RTS service area during the next 10 years before providing service to other municipalities.

Following is information from the TDP.

- Section 8 (Major Conclusions and Recommendations): Inter-city transit services would be beneficial within Alachua County to accommodate commuter trips from these areas. The relative impact, however, of these improvements to other improvements means that they are likely to occur outside of the 10-year horizon of the TDP.
- Section 6 (Alternatives Development and Evaluation): Inter-city services ranked among the lowest performing routes in the 2024 Needs Plan scenario.
- The only new anticipated revenue is the surtax. Since this did not identify any funding for intercity routes it was not included in the 10-year plan.

RTS recommends revisiting intercity services in the near future.