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Memo



To: City Commission
Via: Russ Blackburn *RB*
From: Teresa Scott, P.E.
Date: Tuesday, June 05, 2012
Subject: Additional Information – Surtax Discussion

On June 5, the Alachua County Commission held a Special Meeting – General Policy Discussion. One of the items on the agenda was a Surtax Discussion. During that discussion, Commissioner Bradley proposed the following:

- 1) Reconsider the ¼ cent Transit Surtax if the BRT, articulated buses, and urban circulator projects are removed;
- 2) The remaining transit projects on the list are better defined;
- 3) The time period for the Transit Surtax is reduced to either 4 or 6 years;
- 4) If BRT is ready at end of the period go back to the voters to extend;
- 5) Reduce all road agreements to 10 years;
- 6) Remove requirement for county to require a supermajority on future amendments; and,
- 7) Allow 1 or 2% of the road funding to be spent on sidewalks.

The County Commission has an item on their June 12, 2012 agenda to consider authorizing the advertisement of the Ordinance establishing the ballot language for the roads initiative. They also intend to discuss Commissioner Bradley’s proposal and any response the City Commission may offer as a result of your discussion at your June 7 meeting.

In regards to the request for a better defined transit exhibit Mr. Gomez had prepared the attached document in anticipation of the ballot initiative moving forward. The list identifies the projects that have been discussed and/or presented during previous meetings. The City Commission may consider forwarding this or some aspects of this document as an amended Exhibit “A”.

Attachment



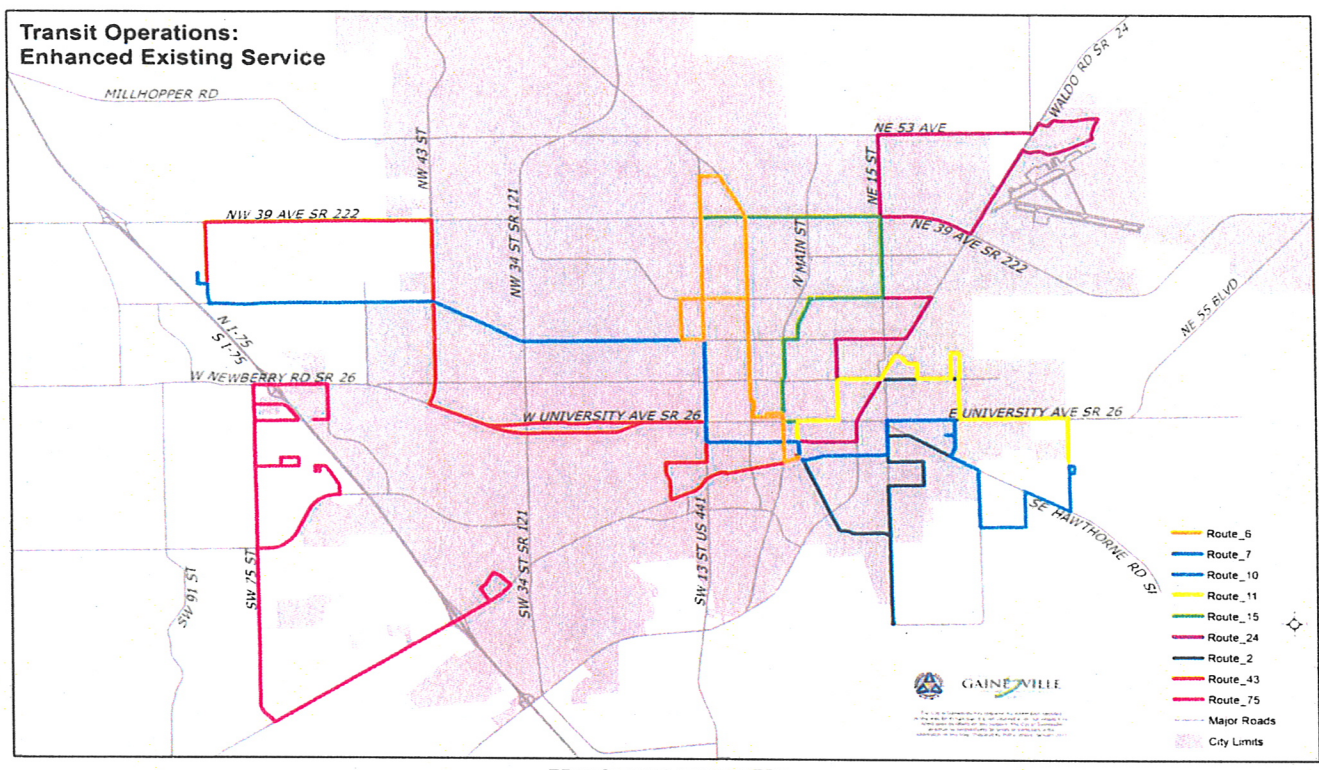
Transit Action Plan:
¼ Cent Regional Transportation Surtax

¼ Cent Regional Transportation Surtax – Transit Projects

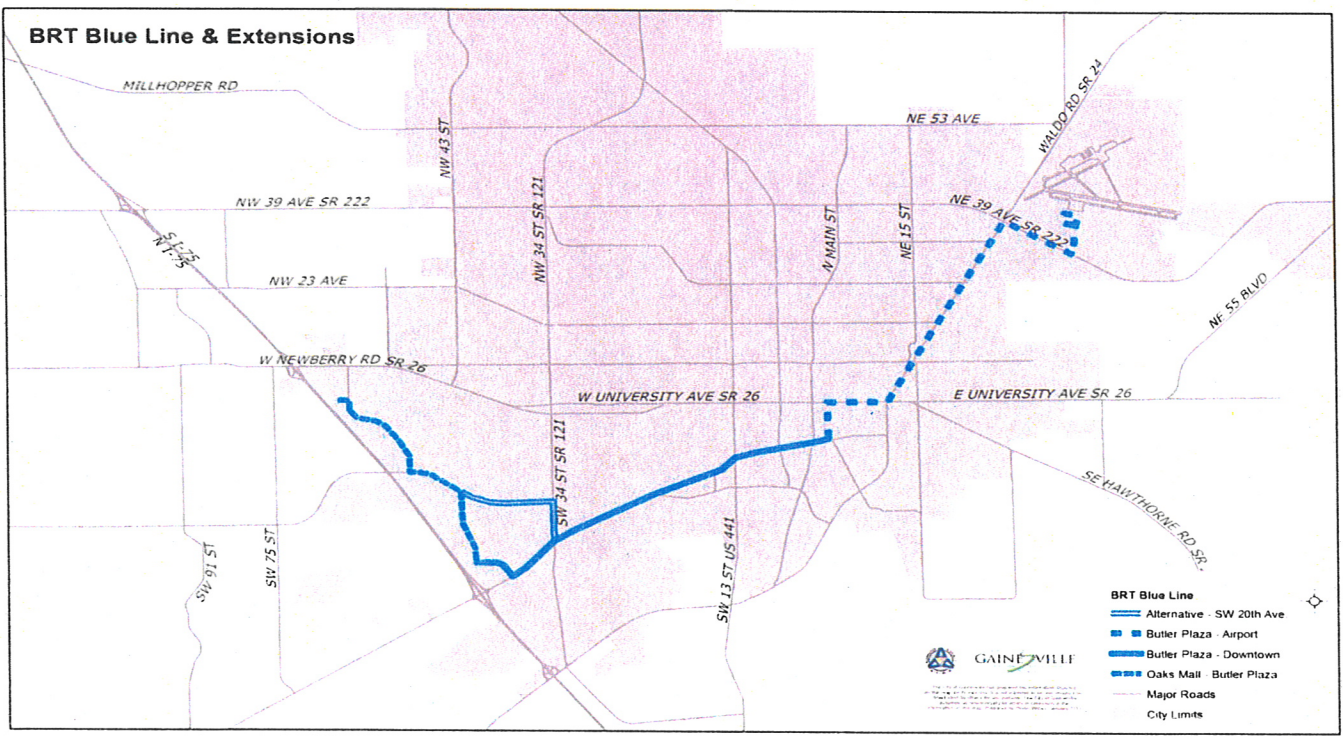
	Description	Sales Tax Funds	Comments
1	Maintenance Facility Expansion	\$13,000,000	To complete a 200-Bus Facility, Administration and Operations Building
2	Buses for New and Existing Service	\$10,000,000	Replacement and Expansion Buses
3	Transit Operations (New and Enhanced Existing Service)	\$24,200,000	Enhance Service Frequency and Hours of Service: Enhance Saturday Service Enhance Sunday Service New Bus Routes New Express Routes
4	Bus Stop Improvements (Shelters, benches, etc.)	\$1,300,000	System-wide Improvements
5	Articulated Buses	\$7,500,000	Up to 12 Buses
6	Blue Line Capital	\$23,700,000	Infrastructure – Phased Plan
7	Blue Line Operations	\$31,000,000	Operations – Phased Plan
8	Urban Circulator	\$1,800,000	Enhanced Service between Downtown and UF Campus/Medical Complex Area
		\$112,500,000	Based on \$7.5 million per year = \$ 112.5 million

Note: Implementation plan may generate additional \$50 million in federal funds



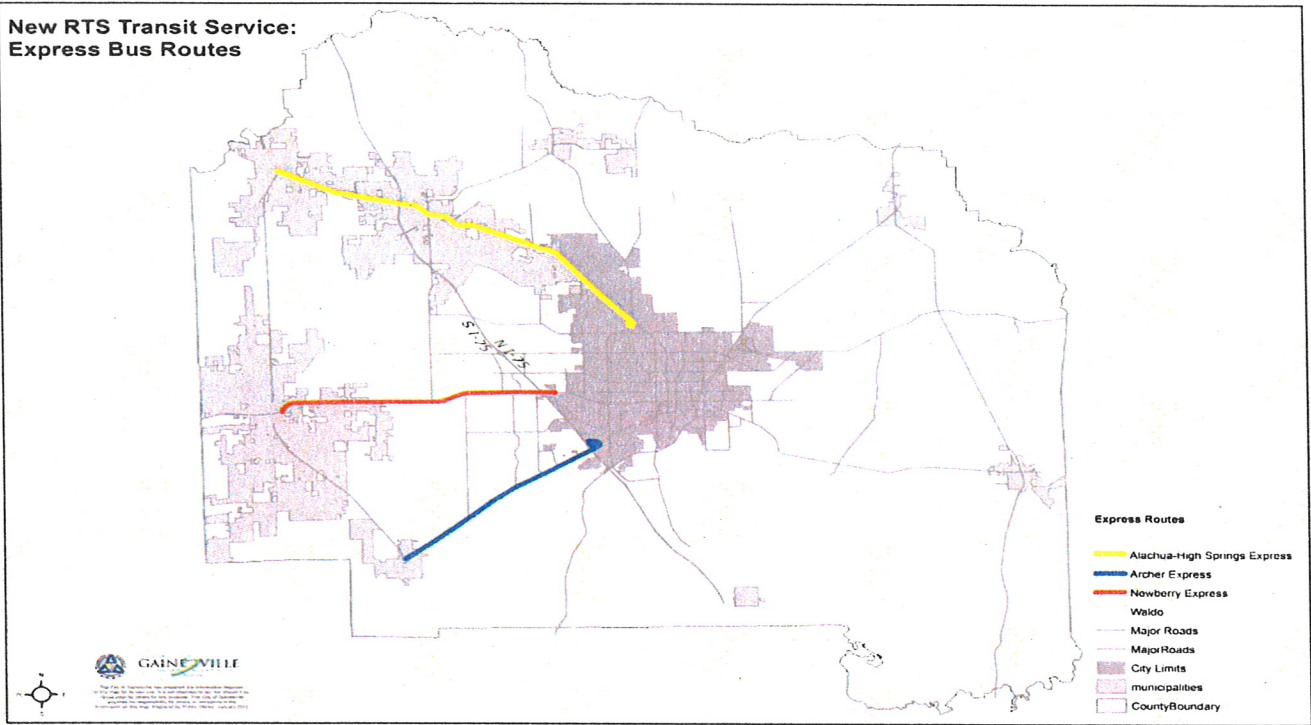


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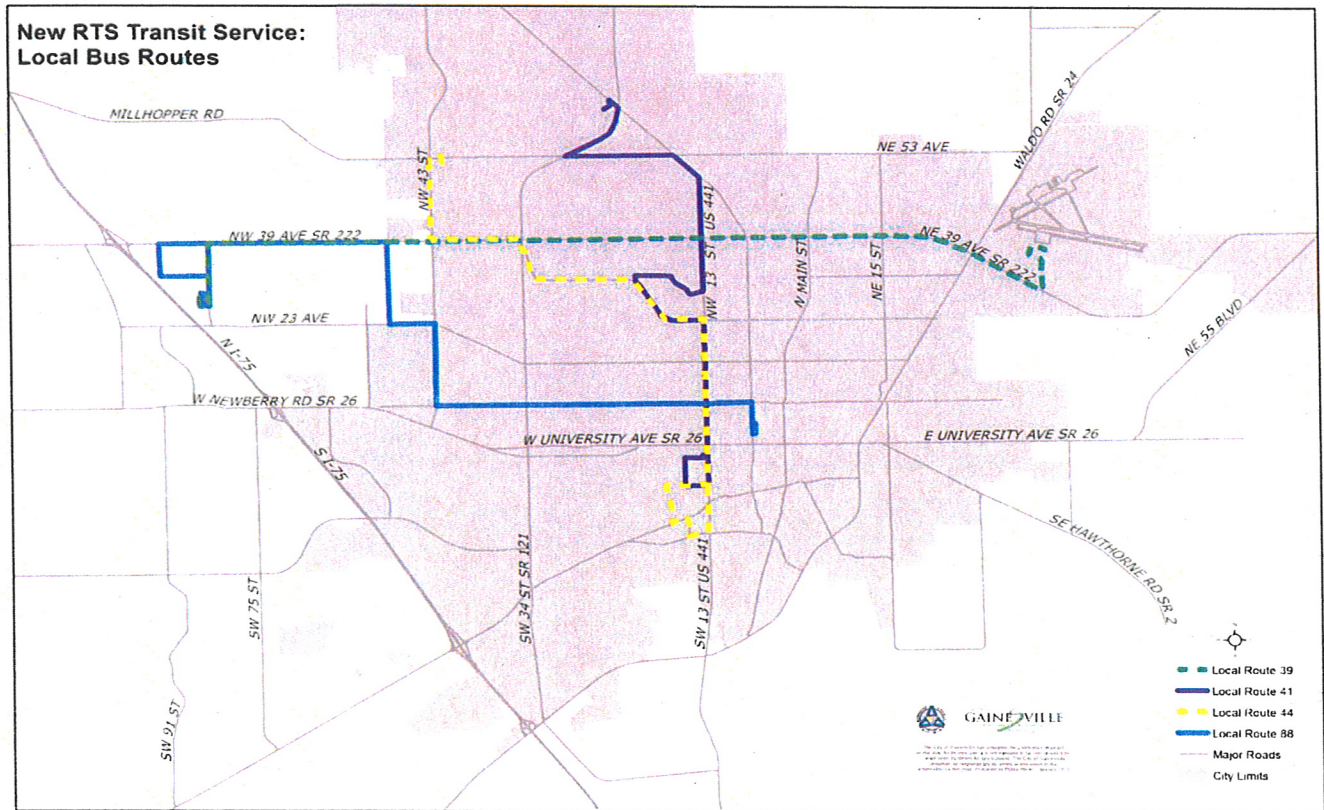
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**New RTS Transit Service:
Express Bus Routes**



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**New RTS Transit Service:
Local Bus Routes**



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