



Legislation Text

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Resolution for First Extension of a Joint Participation Agreement for Regional Transit System (RTS) Route 22 (B)

This item is a request to adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to extend the current Joint Participation Agreement (JPA) between the City of Gainesville and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the continued operations of Route 22.

FDOT allocates service development funds to transit agencies each year. The allocations are given at FDOT's discretion on a competitive basis for agency projects that meet FDOT Service Development Grant (SDG) criteria.

Regional Transit System (RTS) entered into a Joint Participation Agreement (JPA) on September 9, 2009, to implement fixed route service Route 22 from the University of Florida to the Forest Park area. This route has been successful in providing transit service from a high density apartment complex area on SW 20th Avenue, SW 24th Avenue, and State Road 24 (Archer Road) to the University of Florida via State Road 121 (34th St.) and State Road 24 (Archer Road).

Prior to the implementation of Route 22, Route 20 and 21 passengers had to either wait at bus stops until a bus with capacity was available, or drive to campus, which created parking problems on campus and worsened traffic congestion on roads that were already failing or approaching failure. Route 22 has relieved overcrowding on both of those routes. Route 22 operates weekdays during peak hours from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and from 2:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Because of the success of Route 22, RTS desires to extend the JPA with FDOT for its continued operations. FDOT requires the governing board of each public transit system to adopt a resolution to extend the JPA and authorize acceptance of these funds.

This Joint Participation Agreement requires the City of Gainesville to match the funding. Matching funds will be provided by the University of Florida.

The City Commission: 1) adopt the Resolution; and 2) authorize the City Manager to execute a Joint Participation Agreement between the City of Gainesville and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to extend the current agreement and accept the allocation for Gainesville for the provision of transit services (Route 22), subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.