



Legislation Text

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Agreement between University of Florida Board of Trustees and City of Gainesville for Bus Service for UF Students (B)

This is a request for the City Commission to authorize the City Manager to execute a new Agreement with the University of Florida Board of Trustees (UF) and the City of Gainesville for Regional Transit System (RTS) to provide unlimited access to public transit for UF students.

There is currently an Agreement between the University of Florida Board of Trustees (UF) and the City of Gainesville to provide unlimited access to public transit to UF students. This Agreement expires on August 19, 2016. Attached and recommended for City Commission approval is a proposed new 3-year Agreement that would start on August 20, 2016 and expire August 19, 2019.

Enhanced services to UF during the 2016-2017 academic year will consist of an additional 2,000 hours of service for new and enhanced service starting in the fall. The projected cost of providing these services is approximately \$129,760. With the additional service hours anticipated for FY17, RTS will need to add two (2) new Transit Operators to keep up with the demand. The recruitment and training period for these new positions will require that current RTS staff operate the service until the new employees are available.

RTS staff has negotiated an hourly rate of \$64.88 per hour to cover operating costs starting with FY17 of the new Agreement. The UF Transportation Fee Committee and RTS meet on an annual basis to evaluate the current service and determine the need to modify or add services. The proposed Agreement provides for negotiated annual price adjustments for FY18 and FY19 or else the prior year's rate remains in effect. In order to streamline the rate approval process for FY18 and FY19, staff is requesting that the City Commission authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute amendments to this Agreement for rate changes of 5% or less.

The total anticipated revenue from UF of approximately \$12,775,628 will cover budgeted expenses and the additional RTS positions.

The City Commission: 1) approve the two (2) new Transit Operator positions effective August 20, 2016; 2) authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute the Agreement Between University of Florida Board of Trustees and City of Gainesville for Bus Service for UF Students, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality; and 3) authorize the City Manager or his designee to negotiate and execute amendments that do not increase rates by more than 5% from the prior year, and any related documents, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.