



Legislation Text

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Resolution for a Joint Participation Agreement for Regional Transit System (RTS) Bus Stop Amenities (B)

This item is a request to adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Joint Participation Agreement between the City of Gainesville and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to receive Service Development Funds for Regional Transit System (RTS) Bus Stop Amenities.

FDOT allocates service development funds to transit agencies each year. The allocations are given at FDOT discretion on a competitive basis for agency projects that meet FDOT Service Development Funds Grant (SDG) criteria. FDOT requires the governing board of each public transit system to adopt a resolution authorizing the acceptance of these funds.

Regional Transit System (RTS) desires these funds to design, construct, and install pedestrian amenities to improve bus stop accessibility on transit corridors. Amenities include sidewalks, pedestrian crossings, ADA ramps, concrete curb ramps, curb and gutters, wheelchair landing pads, waiting pads, shelter foundations, and other work to improve pedestrian access to transit. Bus stop locations will be prioritized by people with disabilities (mainly wheelchairs) usage.

Improving the pedestrian infrastructure will make the bus riding experience more comfortable and work toward improving the marketability of transit through enhancing existing ridership and reaching out to new passengers.

This Joint Participation Agreement requires the City of Gainesville to match funding in the amount of \$75,000. Matching funds are allocated in the RTS FY11-12 operating budget.

The City Commission adopt the Resolution.