



Legislation Text

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Interlocal Agreement between the University of Florida and Regional Transit System (B)

This item involves a request for the City Commission to authorize the City Manager to execute a new Interlocal Agreement with the University of Florida (UF) and Regional Transit System (RTS) to provide unlimited access to UF students. This would include the addition of three (3) new positions to operate current and enhanced transit service. The agreement will start on August 20, 2007.

There is currently an Interlocal Agreement between UF and RTS to provide unlimited access to public transit to UF students. The UF Transportation Fee Committee meets with RTS on an annual basis to evaluate the current service and determine the need for enhanced services. During the meeting this year, the UF Transportation Fee Committee agreed to raise the student fee to pay for current and additional services.

The enhanced service consists of additional hours of service on City routes 8 and 21 on weekdays for the Fall and Spring semesters, and additional hours of service on City routes 9 and 20 for the Summer semester. The projected cost of providing the new enhanced service is approximately \$213,272.

RTS staff negotiated a new hourly rate of \$53 per hour for Monday through Saturday service and \$74.03 for Sunday service in FY 2008 that would cover the costs of existing and enhanced service.

In order to provide these services, a total of three (3) new transit operator positions will be needed. The recruitment and training period for these new positions will require that current RTS staff members operate the service until the new employees are available.

Based on the new hourly rates, the total revenue anticipated under this agreement is approximately \$8,351,222 and is projected to cover the budgeted expenses. The total revenue for the transportation fee for FY 2007 was \$7,227,700.

The City Commission: 1) authorize the City Manager to execute the Interlocal Agreement between the University of Florida and the City of Gainesville and any related documents; 2) approve the addition of three (3) new transit operator positions; and 3) approve increases in the budget to operate new and enhanced service effective August 20, 2007.