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Resolution for a Joint Participation Agreement - Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Alternatives Analysis (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 \$125,000 in funds for a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Alternatives Analysis.

Regional Transit System (RTS) and Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) presented the final BRT study to the City Commission on March 4, 2010. Several next steps that were not identified in the previous city staff recommendation were presented. The City Commission advised staff to identify steps that require action in the short term and present those items to the City Commission during the April 1, 2010, City Commission meeting.

The next steps requiring immediate or near term action include the following: submit a request to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to incorporate BRT design and operations into any Archer Road and Waldo Road corridor improvements; seek local, state and federal funds to complete an Alternatives Analysis for the preferred BRT configuration in accordance with the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) New and Small Starts process; work with the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization (MTPO) to define an overall system plan for BRT, express bus with park and ride lots, fixed-route, demand-response and commuter services and relate those improvements to the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and Transit Development Plan (TDP); and develop an overall financial plan for future mobility relating to growth management, economic development and sustainability.

FDOT and RTS will enter into a Joint Participation Agreement (JPA) to assist funding of the Alternatives Analysis.

FDOT will provide funding in the amount of \$125,000, and no local matching funds are required.

The City Commission: 1) submit a letter to FDOT to incorporate BRT design and operations into any Archer Road and Waldo Road corridor improvements; 2) 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 \$125,000 in funds for a BRT Alternatives Analysis; 3) authorize RTS to initiate an Alternative Analysis for the preferred BRT configuration as identified in the BRT study; 4) authorize RTS to seek local, state and federal funds to complete the Alternatives Analysis and following phases to comply with the FTA New and Small Starts processes; 5) direct RTS staff to work with the MTPO to define an overall system plan for BRT, express bus with park and ride lots, fixed-route, demand-response and commuter services and relate the plan to the LRTP and TDP; and 6) authorize RTS to develop an overall financial plan for future mobility relating to growth management, economic development and sustainability.