



Legislation Text

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Resolution for 49 U.S. Code Chapter 53, Section 5310 Grant Applications (B)

This item is a request for the City Commission to adopt a Resolution required in support of the Regional Transit System (RTS) application for a Florida Department of Transportation 49 U.S. Code Chapter 53, Section 5310 grant for “Free Fare for Seniors,” and for the Interim City Manager or designee to execute related Public Transportation Grant Agreement(s) with the Florida Department of Transportation.

Recently the City of Gainesville partnered with Alachua County on a pilot project offering free fare for 18-and-under and 65-and-over passengers. In addition, federal funds have been made available through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) 49 U.S. Code Chapter 53, Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities grant program, and RTS will be submitting an application for a “Free Fare for Seniors” grant application. This application, if successful, is anticipated to enable extension of the City-County pilot program through supplementing funds for a portion of the ridership in the City-County pilot.

The 5310 grant program is administered by FDOT, providing assistance throughout the state with federal funding to support specific, identified prioritized transportation needs. FDOT requires that applying agencies’ adopted resolutions are included with submitted federal grant application packages. RTS is requesting that the City Commission pass the Resolution to complete the application package.

Strategic Connection: The Regional Transit System network provides transportation access to many services within our community and supports all five goals in the City’s strategic plan including Equitable Community, A More Sustainable Community, a Great Place to Live and Experience, a Resilient Local Economy, and “Best in Class” Neighbor Services.

Funds are allocated in the Department of Transportation, RTS FY22 budget to provide the required matches. RTS’s application requests \$200,000 for the grant project; the 50% match for the grant is allocated in the FY22 RTS budget.

The City Commission adopt the Resolution.