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### **Florida Public Transportation Association 2015 Awards Received by Regional Transit System (NB)**

**This item involves a request for the City Commission to recognize the Florida Public Transportation Association (FPTA) 2015 Awards received by the Regional Transit System (RTS).**

On Monday, October 26, 2015 during their annual conference the Florida Public Transportation Association (FPTA) awarded the City of Gainesville's Regional Transit System (RTS) the 2015 Outstanding System of the Year Award.

FPTA officials reviewed 37 transit organizations in the state for proficiency in safety measures, efficient operation procedures, providing additional value and service to riders (customer service), financial management, containment of employee costs and improving absentee rates, staff development, marketing, community relations, as well as, implementing effective and productive administration techniques. RTS excelled in all areas and received the 2015 award to go with its 2008 FPTA Outstanding System of the Year award.

RTS is the only agency that has won the prestigious award twice. It showcases the effort and work that RTS employees do day-to-day to provide safe, reliable and efficient transportation options to Gainesville citizens.

RTS consistently ranks at the top of Florida public transportation agencies in trips per capita, passenger trips per revenue hour and operating expenses per passenger trip (lowest cost). The partnerships with the University of Florida, Santa Fe College, the Florida Department of Transportation, the Federal Transit Administration, Alachua County and others allow RTS to continue to grow and excel in providing transportation services to the Gainesville community

The RTS Marketing and Communications Division also received awards at the conference; they received a first place award for Signage and Graphics and a second place for Internal/Employee Communications.

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

The City Commission recognize the Florida Public Transportation Association 2015 Awards received by the Regional Transit System.