



Legislation Text

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Interlocal Agreement with the University of Florida Board of Trustees (UF) and the City of Gainesville (B)

This is a request for the City Commission to authorize the City Manager to execute a new Interlocal Agreement with the University of Florida Board of Trustees (UF) and the City of Gainesville for Regional Transit System (RTS) to provide unlimited access to public transit to UF students.

There is currently an Interlocal Agreement between the University of Florida Board of Trustees (UF) and the City of Gainesville to provide unlimited access to public transit to UF students. This agreement expires on August 19, 2013. The UF Transportation Fee Committee and RTS meet on an annual basis to evaluate the current service and determine the need to modify or add services. Enhanced services to UF during the 2013-2014 academic year will consist of an additional 6,015 hours of service as follows: 1) service hours will increase on City Routes 1, 35 and 36; 2) implementation of new City Route 41 (Shands to Wal-Mart Supercenter on SR 441); 3) additional weekend service on Routes 1, 12, 20, and 35; and 4) additional summer service on City Route 46. The projected cost of providing the new enhanced service is approximately \$387,584. RTS staff has negotiated an hourly rate of \$62.94 per hour to cover operating costs.

During the past two (2) years, RTS has increased its level of service by seven (7) new routes and over 30,000 hours of service with a minimum increase in maintenance and operations staff. However, an additional 7,000 service hours anticipated for FY14 necessitates additional personnel, including administrative staff.

To comply with state and federal regulations and provide the customer service that the City and RTS are committed to, three (3) new Transit Operators, one (1) Clerk, one (1) Transit Supervisor, one (1) Planning Assistant, one (1) Marketing Assistant, one (1) Maintenance Worker III, and one (1) Vehicle Service Attendant (VSA) are needed. The recruitment and training period for these new positions will require that current RTS staff operate the service until the new employees are available.

The total anticipated revenue from UF of approximately \$11,317,721 will cover budgeted expenses and the additional RTS positions.

The City Commission: 1) approve the additional Regional Transit System (RTS) positions effective August 15, 2013; and 2) authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute the Interlocal Agreement and related documents between the University of Florida Board of Trustees (UF) and the City of Gainesville for the period of August 20, 2013 through August 19, 2016, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.