



Legislation Text

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Resolution for a Joint Participation Agreement (JPA) - Service Development Funds for Regional Transit System (RTS) Route 41 (B)

This item is a request for a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Joint Participation Agreement (JPA) between the City of Gainesville and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to receive Service Development Funds for the operation of Route 41.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) allocates service development funds to transit agencies each year. The allocations are given at FDOT discretion on a competitive basis for agency projects that meet FDOT Service Development Grant (SDG) criteria.

Route 41 provides service between the Northwood Village Shopping Center and the University of Florida (UF) and Shands Healthcare on Archer Road via U.S. Highway 441 (Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.). This proposed route covers about 8.3 miles, passing a number of employment centers, retail opportunities, and residential complexes. It would begin with 60-minute headways (30-minutes during peak hours) and operate for 16.5 revenue hours of service only on weekdays from approximately 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. It would also enhance service to the RTS Park and Ride Lot. The initial ridership estimate is 250 additional daily passenger trips or 55,000 annual passenger trips.

FDOT requires the governing board of each public transit system to adopt a Resolution authorizing the acceptance of these funds.

The Joint Participation Agreement requires the City of Gainesville to provide a local match in the amount of \$90,000 for operating costs which will be funded by UF student transportation fees.

The City Commission adopt the Resolution.