



Legislation Text

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Resolution for a Joint Participation Agreement (JPA) - Service Development Funds for Regional Transit System (RTS) Routes 2 and 24 (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 Routes 2 and 24.

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.

One of Regional Transit System's (RTS) main objectives is to improve transit frequencies to 30 minutes or less during peak hours. This includes the reduction of morning headways on Routes 2 and 24 that serve some of the most economically challenged and most transit-dependent areas in the Gainesville community. Routes 2 and 24 would run 30-minute headways for 8 revenue hours on weekdays from approximately 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The initial ridership estimate is 200 additional daily passenger trips or 50,400 annual passenger trips.

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

This Joint Participation Agreement requires the City of Gainesville to match funding in the amount of \$60,000 for operating costs. Matching funds are allocated in the RTS FY13-14 operating budget.

The City Commission adopt the Resolution.