



City of Gainesville Agenda Item Report

File Number: 2025-57

Agenda Date: January 16, 2025

Department: Transportation Department

Title: 2025-57 New Terms for Service Agreement between the University of Florida Board of Trustees and the City of Gainesville Regional Transit System (B)

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Description: Request for the City Commission to hear an update on the new terms for the Service Agreement between the University of Florida Board of Trustees and the City of Gainesville Regional Transit System.

Fiscal Note: The parties have been in negotiation for months. During the current amendment period, the fees payable by the University are calculated using the rates in effect under the agreement during the month of December 2024. The current contract is slated to expire at the end of January 2025 unless a contract extension is approved.

Explanation: For the past 30 years, the City of Gainesville's Regional Transit System has worked to provide transit services to the University of Florida through an ongoing partnership. Serving the public transit riders of Gainesville has always included a large, diverse population of university students, faculty, staff and non-University of Florida riders.

The Regional Transit System received funding from Federal and State grants, Alachua County, Santa Fe College and the University of Florida. The service level agreements between these agencies and the City are individually negotiated based on costs to operate the system developed by a cost allocation model reviewed and approved by the Florida Department of Transportation.

The City and the University of Florida have been in negotiations over the last several months to develop a new agreement. Both sides have come to a tentative agreement concerning the proposed term sheet, which will be used to draft the final agreement. UF and the City will continue to discuss the University's route and service needs over the next several months.

Strategic Connection:

- ☒ Goal 1: Equitable Community
- ☒ Goal 2: More Sustainable Community
- ☒ Goal 3: A Great Place to Live and Experience
- ☐ Goal 4: Resilient Local Economy
- ☒ Goal 5: “Best in Class” Neighbor Services

Recommendation: The City Commission review the proposed terms and authorize the City Manager to finalize and execute a new Master Services Agreement for FY 2025 - FY 2027.