

City of Gainesville Agenda Report

File #: 2022-276

Agenda Date: August 4, 2022

Department: Transportation & Mobility

Title: Regional Transit System (RTS) Proposed Fall 2022 Transit Service Changes

Description: This item is a request for the City Commission to review and approve the proposed Fall 2022 Service Changes effective August 15, 2022.

Explanation: Regional Transit System (RTS) undertakes service changes in the Fall, Spring and Summer and coincide with the semester schedules for the University of Florida (UF) and Santa Fe College (SFC). These changes respond to funding availability, reflect service priorities based on ridership, address community preferences and lately, consider the impacts of driver shortages. The proposed changes fall into several categories such as routes without changes, routes with modified frequencies and span of service, new routes, and/or discontinued routes. The new route is requested and funded by Santa Fe College. RTS presented proposed changes for feedback at the May 12, 2022 General Policy Committee meeting and at the RTS Citizen Advisory Board (CAB) held on May 26, 2022 as part of the public involvement process. A copy of proposed RTS Fall 2022 Transit Service Changes is included in the back-up.

Strategic Connection: The Regional Transit System network provides transportation access to many services within our community and supports all five goals in the City's strategic plan including Equitable Community, A More Sustainable Community, a Great Place to Live and Experience, a Resilient Local Economy, and "Best in Class" Neighbor Services.

Fiscal Note: In fiscal year 2022-23, RTS will receive approximately \$13.8 million from UF for transit services and \$800,000 from SFC for transit services.

Recommendation:

The City Commission review and approve the proposed Regional Transit System (RTS) Fall 2022 Service Changes effective August 15, 2022.