



City of Gainesville Agenda Report

File #: 2022-737

Agenda Date: December 1, 2022

Department: Transportation & Mobility

Title: City of Gainesville Regional Transit System (RTS) 2023 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan Annual Safety Certification and Adoption 2022-737 (B)

Description: This item is a request for the City Commission to review and adopt the updated City of Gainesville Regional Transit System (RTS) 2023 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP), and authorize the City Manager or designee to sign the PTASP Annual Safety Certification and Adoption.

Explanation: On July 19, 2018, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) published the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Final Rule, which requires certain operators of public transportation systems that receive federal funds under FTA's Urbanized Area Formula Grants to develop safety plans that include the processes and procedures to implement Safety Management Systems (SMS). The PTASP rule became effective on July 19, 2019. The plan must include safety performance targets and be updated and certified by the transit agency annually.

Earlier this year, FTA published a "Dear Colleague Letter" to inform FTA grant recipients about Bipartisan Infrastructure Law changes to Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) requirements. Regional Transit System (RTS), as a recipient of FTA funds, has updated its plan and requests authorization for the City Manager or designee to certify the update PTASP for submission to the FTA in order to maintain compliance and eligibility for FTA grant funds. Updated PTASP plans are due to the FTA from recipients no later than December 31, 2022.

A copy of the updated City of Gainesville Regional Transit System (RTS) 2023 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) is included in the back-up.

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

Fiscal Note: There is no fiscal impact associated with this item, however it is required to maintain eligibility for continued FTA assistance in the future.

Recommendation:

The City Commission: 1) review and adopt the City of Gainesville Regional Transit System (RTS) 2023 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP); and 2) authorize the City Manager or designee to sign the PTASP Annual Safety Certification and Adoption.