



City of Gainesville Agenda Item Report

File Number: 2023-186

Agenda Date: April 6, 2023

Department: Transportation

Title: 2023-186 Resolution for two Public Transportation Grant Agreements for the City of Gainesville's Regional Transit System, for Mobility Improvements and Bus Stop Enhancements (B)

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Description: This item requests City Commission adoption of a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute two Public Transportation Grant Agreements between the City of Gainesville and the Florida Department of Transportation to receive Service Development Funds for Mobility Improvements and for Bus Stop Enhancements for the Regional Transit System.

Fiscal Note: The Public Transportation Grant Agreements requires the City of Gainesville to provide a 50% match for the grants. Funds are allocated in the Transportation Department FY23 budget to provide the required matches, using Transportation Mobility Program Area and Capital Improvement Projects funds.

Explanation: The City's Regional Transit System (RTS) is continuing its efforts to improve bus stops in order to fulfill the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which requires access for all people, including people with disabilities. In order to address bus stop accessibility, RTS has applied for and been awarded two capital assistance grants from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

FDOT allocates service development funds that are awarded to transit agencies each year. The allocations are given at FDOT's discretion, on a competitive basis for agency projects that meet FDOT Service Development Funds Grant criteria. FDOT requires the governing board of each public transit agency to adopt a Resolution authorizing the agency to enter into a Public Transportation Grant Agreement (PTGA) for the acceptance of grant funds.

RTS will utilize the awarded grants to design, construct, and install pedestrian amenities, and to improve bus stop accessibility on transit corridors. Both grants provide funding for improvements on existing bus stops to include ADA-compliant ramps, landing pads, shelter foundations, and waiting pads. The Mobility Improvements grant (\$660,000) will emphasize construction activities, while the Bus Stop Enhancements grant (\$420,000) includes funding for procurement and installation of equipment for bus stops and shelters.

These projects will encourage the use of public transportation by removing accessibility barriers, reducing the number of bus stops with unimproved surfaces, and making travel by transit more convenient and comfortable.

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 adopt the resolution.