



City of Gainesville Agenda Item Report

File Number: 2023-951

Agenda Date: October 19, 2023

Department: Transportation

Title: 2023-951 Second Amendment to Agreement with Alachua County Board of County Commissioners for Age-Based Fare Free Transit Program (B)

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Description: Request for the City Commission to approve the Second Amendment to the Agreement for Age-Based Fare Free Transit Program between the City of Gainesville and the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners.

Fiscal Note: The City's Regional Transit System will receive up to \$115,000 in revenue from the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners in Fiscal Year 2024. This will occur as quarterly payments for services provided by the Age-Based Fare Free Transit Program.

Explanation: Beginning with Fiscal Year 2021, the City of Gainesville and the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners operated under an agreement to jointly fund a program allowing the Regional Transit System to provide fare free transit services for persons aged 18 years of age and under, and persons 65 years of age and over.

The initial program operated through September 30, 2022, with an equally shared cost of approximately \$230,000. The first amendment to this agreement extended the arrangement under the same terms through September 30, 2023.

The Alachua County Board of County Commissioners has expressed an interest to continue the program to match the prior agreements; the second amendment will extend the program for Fiscal Year 2024.

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, authorize the City Manager or their designee to execute the Second Amendment to the Agreement with Alachua County Board of County Commissioners for Age-Based Fare Free Transit Program, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.