

City of Gainesville Agenda Item Report

File Number: 2023-955

Agenda Date: October 19, 2023

Department: Transportation

Title: 2023-955 Transit Services Agreement with Alachua County Board of County

Commissioners (B)

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Description: Request for the City Commission to approve the Transit Services Agreement for FY 2024 and FY 2025 between the City of Gainesville Regional Transit System and the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners.

Fiscal Note: For the FY 2024 Transit Services Agreement, the Regional Transit (RTS) System will receive \$1,765,015 in revenue from the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners made in quarterly payments. Under the terms of the FY 2025 Transit Services Agreement, RTS will receive \$1,926,381 in revenue from the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners made in quarterly payments. The two year revenue total for this service agreement is \$3,691,396.

Explanation: The Regional Transit System (RTS) provides transit services to residents and visitors in the City of Gainesville and the surrounding urbanized area. The existing agreement between RTS and the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners for these services expires on September 30, 2023. The City and County have negotiated a new Agreement that will extend from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2025, subject to funding and written consent of both parties.

The existing services will be continued in the FY 2024 agreement with minor modifications, including the addition of route 52. The negotiated service rate for regular service was \$75.00 per hour in FY 2023. The new negotiated service rate for regular service will be \$84.00 per hour in FY 2024 and \$91.79 per hour in FY 2025. The County has added \$25,000 in annual funding to support Section 5311 eligible trips.

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 Transit Services Agreement with Alachua County Board of County Commissioners, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.