

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA

M E M O R A N D U M

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DATE: October 22, 2021

SUBJECT: Authorization to Discontinue GoLine Route 11

It is requested that the information herein presented be given formal consideration by the Board of County Commissioners at its regular meeting of November 2, 2021.

DESCRIPTION, CONDITIONS, & ANALYSIS

Indian River County's public transportation system consists of the GoLine fixed route system and the Community Coach demand response (door-to-door) service. Both of these services are operated by the Senior Resource Association (SRA). The GoLine provides transportation throughout Indian River County via a network of fifteen fixed routes. GoLine service is available six days each week (Monday to Saturday) for most routes.

Route 11 provides service along the US 1 corridor between the Main Transit Hub in Vero Beach and the Sebastian River Medical Center. Route 11 began service in 2007 and, for its first five years, was completely funded by an FDOT grant. Throughout its service, ridership on Route 11 has remained consistently low. Over the years, a few service enhancements have been implemented for Route 11, but none have resulted in a significant increase in ridership.

In April of 2020, service on Route 11 was suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic. At that time, Route 11's busiest stop (Orange Blossom Village located on 30th Street) was transferred to Route 3. In addition, many of Route 11's other stops are also served by Routes 5 and 12 in Sebastian or Route 3 in Vero Beach (see Attachment #1 for a map of Route 11). During the suspension of Route 11, those stops continue to be served by those other routes.

In recent months, MPO staff has consulted with SRA on the status of Route 11. Based on its history of low ridership, both MPO staff and SRA recommend that Route 11 be permanently

discontinued. As mentioned above, many of Route 11's stops are also served by Route 3 in Vero Beach or Routes 5 and 12 in Sebastian. Such stops will continue to be served by those routes. With Route 11's discontinuation, the transfer of the Orange Blossom Village stop to Route 3 will become permanent.

RECOMMENDATION

The purpose of the public hearing is to provide an opportunity for public comment on the proposed route changes. No action is required at this time.