

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Board of County Commissioners

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Subject: Extension of the Transit Service Agreement and Transit Administration Facility Lease with Senior Resource Association

It is requested that the information presented herein be given formal consideration by the Board of County Commissioners at its regular meeting of June 6, 2023.

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).

In response to a request from the Federal Transit Administration, the County and the Senior Resource Association entered into an Agreement for Management and Operation of Public Transportation Services in 1999. That agreement has been renewed multiple times by both parties, with the most recent renewal occurring in 2018.

The 2018 renewal followed the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the management and operation of the County's public transportation services. Through the RFP process, the Board approved the selection of the Senior Resource Association, the top ranked proposer. Subsequently, the County entered into a five-year agreement with SRA for management and operation of the GoLine and Community Coach.

The 2018 agreement identifies the responsibilities of the County and the SRA regarding grant application and administration, vehicle procurement and maintenance, drug and alcohol testing, public comment on fare and service changes, handicapped accessibility, and other issues (see Attachment #1). The agreement also provides for County oversight of the SRA's transit activities to ensure compliance with federal regulations. The agreement, which expires on June 30, 2023,

also allows for two two-year extensions.

In cooperation with SRA, staff has prepared an Extension of Agreement for Management and Operations of Indian River Public Transportation Services (see Attachment #2). The proposed extension is effective through June 30, 2025. Following this extension, the existing agreement allows for one additional extension until 2027.

SRA operates the public transportation from a county-owned facility at 4385 43rd Avenue. That facility was constructed in 2012 with grant funding from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). SRA uses the 43rd Avenue facility under a lease that was approved by the Board of County Commissioners effective June 1, 2012, for an initial 5-year term at \$1.00 per year. Since 2012, the lease has been extended three times and now expires on June 30, 2023. Staff has prepared a new lease extension (see Attachment #3), which will extend the lease through June 30, 2025 to run concurrently with the proposed extension of the transit service agreement.

FUNDING

This is a continuation of a series of agreements to provide mass transit service in Indian River County. It does not commit the County to any specified level of financial support, which is approved by the Board of County Commissioners through its annual budget process.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board approve the extensions of the Transit Service Agreement and the Transit Administration Facility Lease with Senior Resource Association.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Agreement for Management and Operation of Public Transportation Services (2018 Agreement)
2. First Extension of Agreement for Management and Operations of Indian River Public Transportation Services
3. Fourth Extension to Lease Agreement