

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** Jason E. Brown; County Administrator

**THROUGH:** Stan Boling, AICP; Community Development Director  
Phillip J. Matson, AICP; MPO Staff Director

**FROM:** Brian Freeman, AICP; Senior Transportation Planner

**DATE:** March 9, 2018

**SUBJECT:** Approval of a Public Transportation Supplemental Joint Participation Agreement (SJPA) with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to Continue Bus Service to the Indian River State College Main Campus (Fort Pierce)

It is requested that the information herein presented be given formal consideration by the Board of County Commissioners at its regular meeting of March 20, 2018.

**DESCRIPTION & CONDITIONS**

For the past several years, the county has applied for and received transit operating assistance under the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Corridor Grant program. These grant funds have been passed through to the Senior Resource Association (SRA), Indian River County's transit service provider.

FDOT Corridor Grant funds may be used for improving transit operations, such as realigning routes or increasing coverage areas. On May 22, 2014, the county was approved for an FDOT Corridor Grant which provided funding for hourly intercounty transit service to the Indian River State College (IRSC) Main Campus in Fort Pierce. This service is provided through GoLine Route 15, which connects with three other GoLine routes (Routes 4, 6, and 7) at the Intergenerational Center. With a simple transfer, riders coming from the IRSC Mueller Campus, the Main Transit Hub, the Indian River Mall, Vero Beach Highlands, and other locations may travel to the IRSC Main Campus in Fort Pierce.

Through this grant, intercounty transit service to St. Lucie County is 100% funded by FDOT with no local contribution. The grant covers a five year period that lasts until April 30, 2019. Through the first four years of this grant, FDOT has provided \$401,549 in funding for the intercounty transit service. At this time, FDOT is allocating an additional \$99,750 to the county for the fifth year of the grant. In order to receive these funds, the BCC must enter into a Supplemental Joint Participation Agreement (SJPA) with FDOT, a copy of which is attached to this staff report (Attachment #2).

## **ANALYSIS**

The attached resolution (Attachment #1) authorizes the Chairman to execute the SJPA for Corridor Grant funds. Upon the Board's adoption of the resolution and the Chairman's execution of the SJPA, MPO staff will transmit the SJPA to FDOT.

As with the FTA Section 5307 grant program, only public agencies may be designated recipients of state Corridor Grant funds. With respect to the Corridor Grant program, the county receives the grant funds and transfers those funds to the county's Community Transportation Coordinator and transit provider, the Senior Resource Association (SRA). The SRA, in turn, provides the service as directed by the county and as identified in the SJPA. In this case, the funds are to be used to provide intercounty service to the IRSC Main Campus in St. Lucie County.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Board of County Commissioners approve the attached Public Transportation Supplemental Joint Participation Agreement and adopt the attached resolution authorizing the Chairman to sign the agreement.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Authorizing Resolution for the Execution of a Public Transportation Supplemental Joint Participation Agreement
2. FDOT Public Transportation Supplemental Joint Participation Agreement
3. Grant Budget Form