

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**MEMORANDUM**

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

**THROUGH:** Stan Boling, AICP; Community Development Director

**FROM:** Phillip J. Matson, AICP; MPO Staff Director

**DATE:** June 11, 2018

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of New Five-Year Agreement between Indian River County and the Senior Resource Association, Inc. for Provision of Public Transportation Services

It is requested that the information herein presented be given formal consideration by the Board of County Commissioners at its regular meeting of June 19, 2018.

**DESCRIPTION, CONDITIONS, AND 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 Mass Transit Service Provision in 1999. That agreement has been renewed multiple times by both parties, with the most recent renewal occurring in 2013. The current agreement expires on June 30, 2018.

Periodically, the County must advertise and solicit for transit providers and/or transportation coordinators. At its May 15, 2018 meeting, the Board of County Commissioners considered proposals in response to RFP# 2018040 and approved the selection of the Senior Resource Association, the top ranked proposer, for the management and operation of the County's public transportation services.

In cooperation with the SRA, staff has prepared a new Agreement for Provision of Public Transportation Services (Attachment #1). The 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. The agreement also provides for County oversight of the SRA's transit activities to ensure compliance with federal regulations. As advertised in RFP# 2018040, the proposed agreement is effective for five years with two potential two-year extensions.

## **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 that the Board of County Commissioners review the attached Agreement for Provision of Public Transportation Services between the County and the Senior Resource Association, Inc., make any necessary changes, and authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Agreement for Provision of Public Transportation Services