

Office of Consent 01/24/2017 INDIAN RIVER COUNTY ATTORNEY

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MEMORANDUM

TO:	Indian River County Board of County Commissioners
FROM:	William K. DeBraal, Deputy County Attorney
DATE:	January 17, 2017
SUBJECT:	Termination of Agreement between the County, the Senior Resource Association and Vero Beach Hotel and Spa concerning Beach Circulator Route

The Beach Circulator Route (Route 16) is serviced by a GoLine bus that was funded in part by a grant from the Florida Department of Transportation and by matching funds provided by the Vero Beach Hotel and Spa. The parties entered into an agreement for a one year term beginning July 2015. The Agreement was renewed for an additional year in 2016. This route was designed to ease the parking and traffic problems for the businesses along Ocean Drive. Unfortunately, the route has not been as popular as was hoped. Ridership did not meet minimum standards and has not increased in the last few months. After discussion with Karen Deigl, CEO of the Senior Resource Association and GoLine Indian River Transit and representatives from the Vero Beach Hotel, it has been mutually agreed to terminate the Extension of Agreement dated April 12, 2016, for the term which began on July 1, 2016 and is set to expire on June 30, 2017. The route will cease to operate later this month. Additionally the parties have agreed to a pro rata return of the matching funds provided by the Vero Beach Hotel.

If the GoLine would decide to bring back the Beach Circulator Route at some time in the future, the GoLine will first inquire of the Vero Beach Hotel if it is interested in renewing its funding of the route and Vero Beach Hotel, LLC will have right of first refusal to participate.

<u>Funding</u>. There is no expenditure of County funds for this matter. The County is a party to the Agreement as the County owns and insures the buses used on this route.

<u>Recommendation</u>. Staff recommends the Board approve the Termination of Agreement with the GoLine and the Vero Beach Hotel and authorize the Chairman to sign the documents on behalf of the Board.

Copies to:

Karen Deigl, CEO, Senior Resource Association and GoLine Indian River Transit Vero Beach Hotel, LLC