

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA

M E M O R A N D U M

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DATE: March 6, 2017

SUBJECT: Proposed GoLine route changes associated with the opening of the new Main Transit Hub

It is requested that the information herein presented be given formal consideration by the Board of County Commissioners at its regular meeting of March 14, 2017.

DESCRIPTION & CONDITIONS

The GoLine is Indian River County's fixed-route public transportation system and is operated by the Senior Resource Association (SRA). The GoLine's Main Transit Hub is served by seven routes, which connect at the Main Transit Hub each hour. For the past several years, the Main Transit Hub has been located at a temporary facility near the Vero Beach Regional Airport.

A permanent Main Transit Hub facility is currently under construction on property owned by the City of Vero Beach located at 1225 16th Street. Construction of the new hub is anticipated to be complete by the end of this month. The new transit hub will consist of a 1,732 sq. ft. structure with restrooms and open air waiting areas, 3,410 sq. ft. of pre-manufactured aluminum structures that will provide covered walkways and shelters for riders, and 1.6 acres of site improvements that include parking, lighting, landscaping, and stormwater treatment. The primary funding source for the project are grants from the Federal Transit Administration and the Florida Department of Transportation. The transit hub facility will be used by approximately 800 passengers each day.

The new hub facility is expected to begin service on Monday, April 3, 2017. Because the new hub is located approximately two miles from the current hub, a major reconfiguration of all transit routes accessing the facility is necessary. While the transit routes have undergone major changes, nearly all existing bus stops will continue to be served. In some cases, bus stops have been moved to a nearby location in order to accommodate the reconfigured routes. No changes are being proposed to any bus stops or current routes located north of 49th Street.

In advance of the implementation of the new routes, SRA is posting notices about the route changes on all buses and at all major stops. In addition, a full page ad featuring the new route map will be published in the March 20 edition of the *Press-Journal*. At that time, the new route brochure will be released to the public and available on the GoLine website (golineirt.com).

At the March 14th public hearing, SRA and County staff will make a presentation on the proposed changes to the GoLine routes.

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.