



Agenda Report

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson
Way
Viera, FL 32940

Consent

F.12.

5/4/2021

Subject:

Approval, Re: Letter of Recommendation to the Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization and Follow-up Memorandum of Agreement for Coordinated Transportation Services in Brevard County

Fiscal Impact:

SFY 2022

\$ 1,580,994 from Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged Funds (4135/303196) - estimated number from last year's allocation.

Dept/Office:

Transit Services Department

Requested Action:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners approve the following actions to continue as the Community Transportation Coordinator for Brevard County:

- The Chair to submit a letter to the Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization recommending Space Coast Area Transit to continue as the Community Transportation Coordinator in Brevard County.
- If selected, the Chair to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged, upon County Attorney, Purchasing Office and Risk Management approvals.

Summary Explanation and Background:

Florida Administrative Code 41-2 establishes the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (Florida CTD) with the assigned responsibility to accomplish the coordination of transportation services provided to the Transportation Disadvantaged.

In every county an entity serves as the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) for the local area, and for that entity to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Florida CTD to receive funds and provide services. In Brevard County, the county government has served as the CTC as far back as 1979.

The code also establishes the role of the Space Coast TPO as the designated official planning agency to assist the local coordinating board with this task. Every five years, the CTC designation is reviewed by the local coordinating board and the TPO, and a recommendation is made to the Florida CTD. Brevard County's CTC designation is due for renewal in July 2021.

Once the Space Coast TPO recommends Brevard County to continue as the CTC, that recommendation is forwarded to the Florida CTD for their approval. If the CTD approves Brevard County as the CTC, a

Memorandum of Agreement will be submitted to the Chair for their execution, following review by the County Attorney and Risk Management Department.

If Brevard County is not approved as the CTC, then Space Coast Area Transit would lose approximately \$1,580,994 annually in Transportation Disadvantaged funds and will affect other Transportation Disadvantaged services funded with Federal and State funds. The exact impact would depend on what organization would take over as the CTC in Brevard County.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

Please have the Chair execute the Letter of Recommendation; provide Transit Services the Letter and Board Memo.



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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Terry Jordan, Transit Services Interim Director

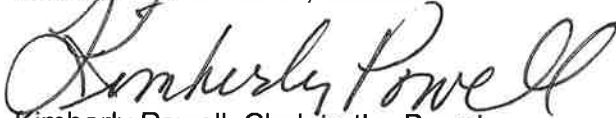
RE: Item F.12., Approval for a Letter of Recommendation to the Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization and Follow-up Memorandum of Agreement for Coordinated Transportation Services in Brevard County

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on May 4, 2021, approved the following actions to continue as the Community Transportation Coordinator for Brevard County: The Chair to submit a Letter to the Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization recommending Space Coast Area Transit to continue as the Community Transportation Coordinator in Brevard County; and if selected, authorized the Chair to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged, upon County Attorney, Purchasing Office, and Risk Management approvals. Enclosed is the executed letter for you to mail.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK


Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

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cc: County Attorney
County Manager
Purchasing
Risk Management
Finance
Budget



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 4, 2021

Andrea Young, Chair
Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Viera, FL 32940

Dear Chair Young:

The Brevard County Board of County Commissioners doing business as Space Coast Area Transit has expressed the desire to continue as the Community Transportation Coordinator for Brevard County.

Pursuant to Chapter 287, Florida Statutes, Brevard County Board of County Commissioners is able and willing to continue to provide transportation services and act as the Community Transportation Coordinator in Brevard County. As the designated public transportation provider in Brevard County, Brevard County Board of County Commissioners has been able to coordinate and capitalize on opportunities to improve Transportation Disadvantaged service in the following manner:

- Coordinating Transportation Disadvantaged service demand with its fixed service to provide greater transportation options at lower costs.
- Provide service and funding to programs that serve the transportation needs of individuals with disabilities and seniors.
- Utilize Federal Capital funds to purchase vehicles through its vanpool program to provide low cost lease of equipment to Human Service Agencies providing Transportation Disadvantaged service.
- Coordinating with the Florida Department of Transportation and transit agencies in District 5, to provide and oversee Federal funding for Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities.
- Provided over 40 years of safe, efficient and effective Transportation Disadvantaged service.
- Coordinating Planning efforts for various Florida Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration and Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged programs.

Therefore, it is recommended that Brevard County Board of Commissioners, as the most appropriate organization, continue as the Community Transportation Coordinator for Brevard County, Florida.

Sincerely,

Rita Pritchett
Chair
Brevard County Board of County Commissioners