

RESOLUTION R-08-145

A RESOLUTION OF THE MANATEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING AND SUBMISSION OF A FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICE DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS AND ASSURANCES TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARDS FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND/OR EXPENDITURE OF GRANT FUNDS PURSUANT TO GRANT AWARDS.


WHEREAS, the Manatee County area Transit Division has the authority to apply for and accept grants and make purchases and/or expend funds pursuant to grant awards made by the Florida Department of Transportation as authorized by Chapter 341, Florida Statutes and/or by the Federal Transit Administration Act of 1964, as amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA THAT:

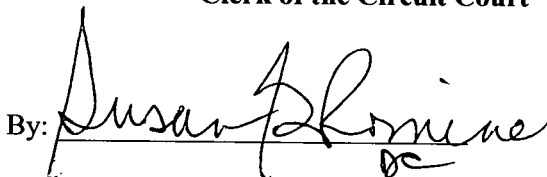
- Section 1. This Resolution applies to State Programs(s).
- Section 2. The submission of grant applications(s), supporting documents, and assurances to the Florida Department of Transportation is approved.
- Section 3. The Chairman or in their absence the Vice-Chairman is hereby authorized to sign the application, accept a grant award, and/or expend grant funds pursuant to a grant award, unless specifically rescinded.

ADOPTED with quorum present and voting this 20th day of May, 2008

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: 
Jane von Hahmann
Chairman

**ATTEST: R.B. "CHIPS" SHORE
Clerk of the Circuit Court**

By: 



TRANSIT SERVICE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT PROPOSAL

Project Proposals due to District Office by May 25, 2008

- Recipient Name: Manatee County Board of County Commissioners
Manatee County Area Transit
- Project Type: Enhanced Operations in Manatee/Pinellas and Hillsborough Counties. Provide commuter express bus service between all three counties. Beginning in Manatee County then on to St. Petersburg and Tampa transit transfer centers. Service would run from 5:30 A.M. until 7:30 P.M. 305 days a year.
- Maximum Duration: Three Years
- Project Location: Manatee , Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties, Florida
FDOT District 1 and District 7.
- Project Initiation/
Completion Dates: Execute JPA July 31, 2009. Start corridor 60 to 90 minute headway services by October 1, 2009. Evaluate annually through July 1, 2011.
- Project Objectives: Beginning in Manatee County then on to St. Petersburg and Tampa transit transfer centers. Service would run from 5:30 A.M. until 7:30 P.M. 305 days a year. Project will provide service so that commuters will have access to connect with Tampa and St. Petersburg Transit Service. It will also provide a means for Tampa and St. Petersburg passengers to have access to Manatee County and Sarasota County transit systems.
- Operational
Responsibilities: Manatee County Area Transit will manage the project by working with Hillsborough Area Regional Transit (HART) and Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) to establish a schedule, determine stop locations and transfers. Manatee County will use five (5) Transit Vehicles to begin service and if successful will order express vehicles with amenities such as WiFi to provide passengers with state of the art vehicles. We will provide marketing efforts and research to evaluate results for annual reports and recommendations.
- Criteria for Success: The criteria will center on efficiency improvements measured by riders per hour, both in the corridor and for the entire system. Other desired criteria will be to measure the number of transfers between agencies to evaluate the improved mobility regionally between the three counties and provide an alternative to traveling between cities.

Projected Ridership:

1 st . Year	14 hours x 5 vehicles=70 service hours/day	10 round trips per day 20 passengers/trip = 200/day	200 per day x 305 =61,000 per year total passengers at average of \$5.00 per trip.
2 nd . Year	14 hours x 5 vehicles=70 service hours/day	10 round trips per day 30 passengers/trip = 300/day	300 per day x 305 = 91,500per year total passengers
3 rd . Year	14 hours x 5 vehicles=70 service hours/day	10 round trips per day 35 passengers/trip = 350/day	350 per day x 305 = 106,750 per year total passengers

Project Budget:

Project Local Scope (If requesting State funding of more than 50% of net project cost, explain the statewide significance of the project or the reason for a lack of regional funding mechanism.)

<i>COST ITEM</i>	<i>TOTAL PROJECT COST</i>	<i>REVENUES AND FEDERAL FUNDS</i>	<i>NET PROJECT COST</i>	<i>STATE SHARE</i>
Operating Costs *(annual)	\$1,601,250	**\$305,000	\$1,296,250	\$648,125
Administration and Marketing (annual)	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000	\$15,000
Total (annual)	\$1,631,250	\$305,000	\$1,326,250	\$663,125

* Operating Costs based on current per hour cost of \$75.00 per hour. **Average cost per trip estimated at \$5.00

Benefit to

Other System:

This project reflects the goals of TBARTA in providing regional transit opportunities to the transit traveling public. This project may benefit other transit systems because it will indicate how increased service will improve an overall system performance and how corridor traffic congestion may be eased in the future. This project will also reflect the travel demands in the bi-county region of both the residents and tourists. This project will also help to reduce Green House Gas Emissions within the State of Florida by reducing the number of cars on the highways.