



Memorandum

Memorandum No: 23-038

Date: March 17, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Commissioners

From: Greg Chavarria, City Manager 
Greg Chavarria (Mar 17, 2023 14:10 EDT)

Re: Current Transit Services Initiatives

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an update on the ongoing efforts to increase transit options to address traffic congestion. Below is a summary of five initiatives that are currently underway.

1. Galt Mile On-Demand Micro Transit Service

City staff are currently developing scope and cost estimate for expanding the existing on-demand Circuit service to the Galt Mile area through the end of FY23. Once estimate for the costs become available, Staff will bring to the Commission an item for consideration and approval.

2. Galt Mile Community Shuttle Service Update

While funding for the Galt Mile community shuttle service was approved by Broward County as part of the FY21 application cycle, service did not commence yet as the approved service plan required construction of eight (8) new transit stops most within the private rights-of-way. City staff performed field reviews, identified readily available/existing bus stops and requested that Broward County approve the use of these alternative stops. Broward County is currently reviewing the City's proposal. If approved by the County, City staff will work with our current shuttle operator to finalize operational logistics and any required contract amendments.

3. Broward County Transit - Micro Transit Pilot Program

Broward County will be implementing a County funded 3-year microtransit pilot program in different areas of the county. City staff worked closely with Broward County staff to discuss and propose areas in the City of Fort Lauderdale where the program would be beneficial. The City formally requested to be included as part of the phase 1 of the aforementioned pilot program. The pilot program is anticipated to commence by October 1, 2023. More details of this service will be provided in the future.

4. District 3 On-Demand Micro Transit Service

On March 13, 2023, Circuit service was expanded to include most of the Dorsey Riverbend neighborhood through City funding. Additionally, City staff was able to

secure funding from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) which will be used for further expansion of on-demand transit service in District 3 as part of the State funded pilot program. City staff is working through FDOT funding requirements and defining the service area and operating hours.

5. FY24 Community Shuttle Program applications with Broward County

The Broward County Transportation Surtax program provides funding for the operation of the local Community Shuttle service (i.e. LauderGO!). Each year, the County allows for new applications to be submitted and considered as part of the new funding cycle, with no match required by the City. The City's FY24 application, which was submitted on March 17, 2023, seeks improvements of the existing Community Shuttle service by expanding service days to 7 days a week operation and expanding service hours to cover morning and evening commuter peak for all five (5) existing routes. If approved, the proposed enhancements should improve quality of the overall service for transit dependent riders. As a result, we expect an increase in ridership and reduction in number of single-passenger vehicles along the roadways.

If you have any questions, please contact Ben Rogers, Director of Transportation and Mobility, at brogers@fortlauderdale.gov

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