



THE CITY OF KEY WEST

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Jim Scholl, City Manager

FROM: Rod Delostrinos, Director of Transportation

VIA: Greg Veliz, Assistant City Manager

DATE: January 7, 2019

SUBJECT: Senior Fares City Routes/ 100% Service-Connected Disabled United States Armed Forces Veterans Information

Senior Passengers:

Of the 169,202 total passengers on city routes excluding the Duval Loop, Senior passengers age 60 and older accounted for 48,961 or 29% of ridership.

Senior passenger fares only account for 15%(\$22,751) of total city route farebox revenues (\$130,035).

Currently, there is no mechanism to segregate these senior fares between Key West residents and non-residents. Since there is a mix of resident and non-resident senior passengers, staff cannot accurately estimate loss of revenue if Key West residents age 60 and older are offered city route bus service fare free.

City routes are funded through grant programs offered by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). Section 5311 Rural Community (based on population) and block grants (based on ridership) assist in the funding are split 50% FTA or FDOT and 50% City match.

100% Service-Connected Disabled United States Armed Forces Veterans:

According to the Veterans Affairs office of Monroe County, there are 172 100% Service-Connected Disabled United States Armed Forces Veterans living in all of Monroe County.

Currently, there is no mechanism to segregate 100% Service-Connected Disabled United States Armed Forces Veterans fares from other reduced fares currently available. Reduced fares are available for retired U.S. military as well as those who receive social security and/ or Medicare. Staff cannot

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accurately estimate loss of revenue if 100% Service-Connected Disabled United States Armed Forces Veterans are offered Lower Keys Shuttle and city route bus service fare free.

The Lower Keys Shuttle is funded through Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) the Commuter Assistance Program grant. Operational costs are split 50% FTA and 50% Grantee. Since various entities benefit from the bus service, the Grantee 50% match is split three ways—City of Key West, City of Marathon, and Monroe County.