

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



To: Jim Scholl, City Manager
From: Norman Whitaker, Director / KWDOT
Date: October 19, 2015
Subject: Supplemental Joint Participation Agreement – Section 5311 Capital Funding - FY2016

Action Statement:

A resolution to approve execution of the Supplemental Joint Participation Agreement (SJPA), Contract #ARN97, with the State of Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) via Section 5311 Capital Grant Program Funding assistance in an amount not to exceed \$842,400.00 for the purchase of replacement buses and needed equipment for Key West Transit and the New Transit Facility.

Project History:

As everyone is aware, the City of Key West Department of Transportation is in the process of replacing its current ageing fleet. As of February 2015, Key West Transit has been awarded \$3,629,393.00.

As of October 2015, Key West Transit has received four (4) new buses (\$1,954,232) and has ordered two (2) more. The second order (\$881,557.00) consists of one (1) 30' Low Floor Clean Diesel BRT Gillig Bus (\$436,125.00) and one (1) 35' Low Floor Clean Diesel BRT Gillig Bus (\$445,432.00). The third order may include two (2) 35' Gillig buses or may be the same as the second order.

The Section 5311 Funds are awarded as needed, by request, or with assistance of the Transit Development Plan (TDP). KWT applies for and receives Section 5311 funding on an annual basis if posted on the FDOT Five (5) Year Transportation work program plan and the amount is determined by the plan. The amount allocated for FY2015 – 2016 is \$742,400.00 which is 80% of the total project cost estimate of \$928,000.00. KWT requested additional funding and was awarded an extra \$100,000.00. With the additional funding, Key West Transit will be able to increase the number of future bus purchases and equipment needed for the New Transit Facility.

Advantages / Disadvantages:

Advantages – include but are not limited to:

- Funding assistance of up to 80% with a maximum reimbursement amount of \$842,400.00 with a 20% match with State Toll Revenue Credits. The City's share of expenses is zero.
- The new vehicles will be delivered with extended coverage warranties for issues that might arise during the warranty period as the vehicles age. This will also alleviate the high maintenance costs of the current bus fleet which has outlived its useful life.
- The City is required to provide a level of service as it relates to maintenance of maximum safety and accountability which is required of all grant funding programs with regard to safety sensitive positions, system safety of operations and hazard / security program plans mandates.
- The City continues to improve and enhance public transit services while maintaining the least impact to local governments and residents by securing Federal and State funding assistance.

- Key West Transit will be able to use the extra funding to purchase equipment needed for the New Transit Facility.

There are no disadvantages at this time. In fact, State and Federal funding assistance is absolutely necessary to continue operation of public transit services in Key West.

Fiscal Impact:

No fiscal impact to the City. All cost will be covered by shared costs with the Federal and State. Authorize any necessary budget adjustments to account for expenses and offsetting grant revenue.

Key West Transit staff recommends approval of this resolution to accept, authorize and execute the FDOT supplemental joint participation agreement (SJPA) for Section 5311 Capital Grant funding assistance during FY 2015 – 2016 period in an amount not to exceed \$842,400.00 so as to realize our reimbursements as soon as possible for this fiscal year.

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Attachments

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