

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



**To:** Jim Scholl, Interim City Manager  
**From:** Norman Whitaker, Director / KWDoT  
**Date:** July 14, 2014  
**Subject:** Joint Participation Agreement – Transit Corridor Program

---

## **Action Statement:**

A resolution to approve execution of the Joint Participation Agreement (JPA) with the State of Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) via the Transit Corridor Program in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 in Capital Assistance.

## **Project History:**

Key West Transit (KWT) has an aging fleet of five (5) 2001, seven (7) 2003, and two (2) 2008. Gillig Buses.

The 2001's and 2003's are in fair to poor condition. Since November 2013, we have experienced engine failures on one (1) of the 2001's, two (2) of the 2003's and one (1) of the 2008's. Through a combined effort of amending the budget, Transit was able to cover the cost of repairs to the 2001's and 2003's. The 2008 is awaiting repairs due to insufficient funds. If we continue to experience engine failures, drive-train failures, and / or both, we will not have enough funding to cover future repairs.

To prevent the possibility of service interruptions and / or reductions, Key West Transit requested funding assistance in the amount of \$100,000.00 through the Florida Transit Corridor Program for the replacement of engines, drive-trains, and / or any combination of both as necessary.

## **Option #1:**

Option #1 would see the City approve this resolution to accept, authorize and execute the FDOT joint participation agreement (JPA) for Capital Grant funding assistance via the Transit Corridor Program in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00

## **Advantages / Disadvantages:**

Advantages of Option #1 – include but are not limited to:

- Funding assistance of up to 100% with a maximum reimbursement amount of \$100,000.00 with no match. The City's share of expenses is zero.
- 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.

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:**

Option #1 would provide for shared costs with the Federal and State, with no cost to the City and authorize any necessary budget adjustments to account for actual cost / reimbursements.

**Option #2:**

Option #2 would be to not approve the resolution and not accept the JPA offered by FDOT / D6.

**Advantages / Disadvantages:**

There are no advantages to this option as it does not allow for a share costs associated with public services in general but more specific here for public transportation of residents and visitors in Key West and Stock Island areas. It would require the city fund the services completely from the general fund budget or discontinue providing bus service.

The disadvantage would be that by not approving and executing this agreement, it would require an increase of local funding via gas or sales tax subsidies (or other dedicated funding) by the City (via general budget funds) to supplement the funding to maintain the current bus fleet.

**Fiscal Impact:**

By relying on local funding, the City would be providing 100% of the bus fleet maintenance expense for the current bus fleet and authorize any necessary budget adjustments to account for any actual cost / reimbursements relating to catastrophic maintenance repairs.

**Recommendation:**

Key West Transit staff recommends Option #1, to approve the attached joint participation agreement so as to realize our reimbursements as soon as possible for the fiscal year.

CH/nw

Attachments

File: Executive Summary (Transit Corridor Program FY2014) 7-14-14