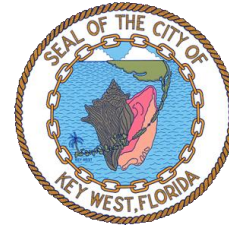


# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



**To:** Jim Scholl, City Manager

**From:** Norman Whitaker, Director / KWDoT

**Date:** November 5, 2014

**Subject:** Joint Participation Agreement – Section 5311 Capital Funding - FY2015

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## **Action Statement:**

A resolution to approve execution of the Joint Participation Agreement (JPA) with the State of Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) via Section 5311 Capital Grant Program Funding assistance in an amount not to exceed \$331,261.00 for the purchase of replacement buses for Key West Transit.

## **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 June 2014, Key West Transit has been awarded \$2,072,532.00. With the additional funding, Key West Transit will be able to increase the number of future bus purchases.

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 FY2014 – 2015 is \$331,261.00 which is 80% of the total project cost estimate of \$413,261.00.

## **Advantages / Disadvantages:**

Advantages – include but are not limited to:

- Funding assistance of up to 80% with a maximum reimbursement amount of \$331,261.00 with a 20% match with 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.

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 joint participation agreement (JPA) for Section 5311 Capital Grant funding assistance during FY 2014 – 2015 period in an amount not to exceed \$331,261.00 so as to realize our reimbursements as soon as possible for this fiscal year.

CH/nw

Attachments