



Agenda Item Summary

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CNST-15

Meeting Date: 1/29/2019

PLACEMENT: Consent

TITLE:

FARE STRUCTURE UPDATE ON PUBLIC TRANSIT FIXED ROUTE AND COMMUTER BUS SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On August 1, 2018 MARTY's Commuter Bus service added a stop at the Veterans Administration (VA) Hospital in West Palm Beach to allow for the Veterans Services in Martin County to focus transportation efforts within Martin County borders. In order to continue to offer free transportation service to and from the VA Hospital, staff is requesting a change to the MARTY fare structure to include free boarding for all Veterans with proof of identification.

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

PREPARED BY: **Name:** Claudette Mahan
Title: Transit Manager

REQUESTED BY: George Stokus

PRESET:

PROCEDURES: None

BACKGROUND/RELATED STRATEGIC GOAL:

On August 1, 2018 MARTY's commuter bus service, route 20X, added a stop at the Veterans Administration Hospital in West Palm Beach. The additional stop on this route provides Martin County Veterans more frequent drop off and pick up times throughout the day, therefore, increasing the span of hours to book appointments and decreasing return trip wait times.

On January 1, 2019 the Veterans Services in Martin County changed its transit route schedule to provide routine drop off and pick up services at the MARTY bus stop located at the Morgade Library.

Veterans that can use public transit services will be transitioned from the current transit service offered through the Veterans Services of Martin County to the MARTY.

Currently, the MARTY fare structure is;

Fixed Route - Full Fare \$1.50

Fixed Route - *Half Fare \$0.75

*Half Fare is offered to seniors (age 65 and older), persons with disabilities, defined as “who by reason of illness, injury, age, congenital malfunction, or other incapacity or temporary or permanent disability (including any individual who is a wheelchair user or semi-ambulatory capabilities), cannot use effectively without special facilities, planning, or design, mass transportation service or a mass transportation facility” or an individual presenting a Medicare card will pay a fare of .75 cents.

To continue to provide Veterans with free transportation services to the VA Hospital, MARTY’s fare structure will need to be updated to include free fare for Veterans that show proper identification when boarding any MARTY bus operating fixed route or commuter bus service.

ISSUES:

None

LEGAL SUFFICIENCY REVIEW:

To the extent this item contains legal issues; it has been reviewed for legal sufficiency, although this is primarily a matter of Board policy.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:**RECOMMENDATION**

Move that the Board approve a fare structure change to include free fare for Veterans boarding any MARTY fixed route or commuter bus service when proper identification is provided.

ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

Pull this item from the Consent Agenda and direct staff.

FISCAL IMPACT:**RECOMMENDATION**

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has increased the funding amount of the grant that supports the 20X commuter route to complement the change in service hours. In addition, FDOT is supportive of the change to the MARTY fare structure.

Funding Source	County Funds	Non-County Funds
Subtotal		
Project Total		

ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

None

DOCUMENT(S) REQUIRING ACTION:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Budget Transfer / Amendment | <input type="checkbox"/> Chair Letter | <input type="checkbox"/> Contract / Agreement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grant / Application | <input type="checkbox"/> Notice | <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | | <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution |