



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Renewed and Restated Coastal Route Funding Agreement with the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority and funding partners for Jolley Trolley Fixed Route Services along the Coastal Route.

Recommended Action:

Approval and execution by the County Administrator of the Renewed and Restated Coastal Route Funding Agreement with the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) and Funding Partners for Jolley Trolley Fixed Route Services along the Coastal Route.

- Funding Partners include City of Clearwater Downtown Development Board and the Cities of Dunedin and Tarpon Springs.
- Restated Agreement renews and continues original Agreement for an initial three-year term with a two-year renewal option.
- Partner funding supplements trolley fares paid by the public and is based upon actual revenue hours for the term.
- County's annual contribution is approximately 3.7% of total route costs.
- Fiscal Years (FY) 2021-2022 costs were \$45,590.00/year. The FY23 cost is a 16% increase in partner annual contribution.
- FY23-25 will not exceed \$169,577.00:
 - FY23 = \$53,058.00
 - FY24 = \$56,453.00 (6.4% programmed increase)
 - FY25 = \$60,066.00 (6.4% programmed increase)
- Funding is derived from the Transportation Trust Fund.

Agreement states County total for three-year term is not to exceed \$169,577.00; Agreement term ends September 30, 2025, with option for a two-year renewal.

Strategic Plan:

Foster Continual Economic Growth and Vitality

4.5 Provide safe and effective transportation systems to support the efficient flow of motorists, commerce, and regional connectivity.

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.1 Maximize partner relationships and public outreach.

Summary:

Approval of the Restated Agreement will renew the Coastal Route Funding Agreement with the PSTA and the Funding Partners beginning October 1, 2022. Funding will be based upon actual revenue

hours provided along the Coastal Route, with rates set to increase annually by six and four-tenths percent (6.40%), as detailed in Exhibit 2, for FY24 and FY25.

This Agreement provides funding for the PSTA to supplement Trolley fares paid by the public. The combined total funding by the partnering agencies enables PSTA to continue fixed route trolley services between Clearwater Beach, downtown Clearwater and the Tarpon Springs Sponge Docks, with service stops in Dunedin and Palm Harbor/Ozona.

Background/Explanation:

The Coastal Route trolley service enhances the PSTA's transportation. The County has provided funding for this fixed route service since 2010. PSTA recently renewed and entered into a new Agreement with Jolley Trolley Transportation of Clearwater, Inc. to provide fixed route trolley services effective through September 30, 2032.

Fiscal Impact:

Funding Partner	FY23	FY24	FY25
County (3.7%)	\$53,058	\$56,453	\$60,066
Clearwater (1.4%)	\$20,446	\$21,776	\$23,170
Dunedin (3.7%)	\$53,058	\$56,453	\$60,066
Tarpon Springs (3.7%)	\$53,058	\$56,453	\$60,066
PSTA (87.6%)	\$1,265,873	\$1,368,074	\$1,455,631
Total	\$1,445,513	\$1,538,026	\$1,636,459

The above rates increase annually by six and four-tenths percent (6.40%), as detailed in Exhibit 2. Percentages detailed above reflect the portion of the total each Funding Partner is responsible for per the terms of Agreement, including the potential two (2) year renewal terms.

Delegated Authority:

Authority for the County Administrator to sign this Agreement is granted under Code Section 2-62(a) (1).

Staff Member Responsible:

Kelli Hammer Levy, Director, Public Works

Partners:

PSTA
Jolley Trolley Transportation of Clearwater, Inc.
City of Clearwater Downtown Development Board
City of Tarpon Springs
City of Dunedin

Attachments:

Agreement with Exhibits 1 and 2