



Pinellas County

Staff Report

File #: 18-1212A, **Version:** 1

Subject:

Interlocal Agreement with the City of St. Petersburg for Cross Bay Ferry service.

Recommended Action:

Approval of Interlocal Agreement with City of St. Petersburg to Provide Funding for Cross Bay Ferry service from November 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019.

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

4.6 Support a vibrant community with recreation, arts, and culture to attract residents and visitors

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.1 Maximize partner relationships and public outreach

Summary:

This interlocal agreement with the City of St. Petersburg along with the City of Tampa and Hillsborough County will establish a funding partnership among the four partners in support of the Cross Bay Ferry. This ferry is a seasonal ferry transit operation that will provide direct service from downtown St. Petersburg to downtown Tampa from November 1 through April 30 for up to three seasons. HMS will manage and operate the Ferry Service pursuant to and in accordance with the license and operating agreement between the City of St. Petersburg and HMS. The ferry is intended to diversify regional transportation options for both visitors and residents, including commuters.

Background Information:

Based on the pilot ferry service funded by these partners in 2016-17, the City of St. Petersburg seeks funding support from these partners to establish the ferry service from November 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019. The ferry service will be operated by HMS pursuant to a competitively bid license and operating agreement between the City of St. Petersburg and HMS for a period of up to three seasons. The second and third seasons will be considered and funding may be solicited based on results of the upcoming season to which this interlocal agreement is applicable.

Additional background is detailed in the presentation delivered by City of St. Petersburg Mayor Kriseman to the Board on July 17, 2018 (see Granicus file ID 18-951A) and the attached letter that is responsive to questions posed by the Board during the presentation.

Fiscal Impact:

Funding of \$150,000.00 will be included in the Fiscal Year 2019 Tentative Budget and will be derived from Transportation Trust Fund revenue. Pursuant to this agreement and the license and operating agreement between the City of St. Petersburg and HMS (ferry operator), the City of St. Petersburg will distribute equal, 25% shares of any revenue exceeding \$400,000.00 to each of the four parties to

this agreement.

Staff Member Responsible:

Rahim Harji, Assistant County Administrator

Partners:

City of St. Petersburg, City of Tampa, Hillsborough County

Attachments:

Interlocal Agreement

Letter from City of St. Petersburg Mayor Kriseman and Three-Year Cost Summary

License and Operating Agreement between City of St. Petersburg and HMS