



AGENDA ITEM MEMORADUM

Administration

Pat Himelberger, Assistant to the TM

Department

Department Director

COMMISSION MEETING DATE (*) - 5:30 PM	Deadline to Town Clerk
<input type="checkbox"/> June 19, 2012	June 16
<input type="checkbox"/> June 26, 2012	June 22
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> July 24, 2012 Special Meeting on Budget	July 13

***Subject to Change**

- Presentation Reports Consent Ordinance
 Resolution Quasi-Judicial Old Business New Business

FY2012 DESIGNATED HIGH PRIORITY ITEM - PRIORITY TOPIC

SUBJECT TITLE: BUDGET ISSUE: Pelican Hopper Route Extension- Community Bus Grant Application

EXPLANATION: Given that parking will be at a premium during next year's construction projects involving the A1A lot, East Commercial Boulevard and the parking lots on West Commercial, the Town will need to find ways to get people to the downtown during construction. We had been thinking about modifying the Pelican Hopper route so that it circulated the downtown more often. One way to do that would be to eliminate the trip to Holy Cross Hospital (which only occurs on weekdays). Another way would be to extend the hours the Hopper operates into the evening hours.

We had the Hopper driver keep track of the number of riders that get on and off at various locations.. During the previous five months the ridership indicates that up to 9% of all people using the Pelican Hopper were either getting on or off at Holy Cross. Since that is a substantial portion of the total of 2000-2500 monthly riders during the weekdays, that did not appear viable

We have also looked at increasing the number of hours the Pelican Hopper runs by adding a route at the end of each current day's schedule to travel through our commercial area until 10:00 PM. (Right now the Hopper stops operations at 5:30 pm Monday to Friday, at 8 pm on Saturday, and at 6 pm on Sunday. The proposed route (Exhibit A) would run to 10 pm each day and begin at Pine Ave., travel south to Commercial Blvd. west to West Tradewinds Avenue south to Basin Drive to East Tradewinds Avenue, north to Commercial Blvd. to South Bougainvillea Drive, south to Palm Ave. east to El Mar and north back to Pine Ave. with stops all along the route. The proposed route would add approximately 30 hours weekly to our current contract.

The Town has received a notice from Broward County that additional Community Bus funding **may** be available for municipalities to extend their community bus routes. Broward County staff expects to know by September the amount of funding available and whether we would be awarded it. (We would be competing with other cities.). The total cost to extend the bus service would be \$52,000. Broward County and the Town would share the cost if the grant is awarded. The Town would pay \$28,500 while Broward County's contribution would be \$23,500.

Staff requests Commission direction on whether to proceed with submission of grant application. If so, we need to include the Town match in the proposed budget.



EXHIBITS: Proposed Pelican Hopper Route Extension

Reviewed by Town Attorney

Yes No

Town Manager Initials *AM*

