



-Alachua County, FL

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Gainesville, Florida

Agenda Item Summary

File #: 25-00780

Agenda Date: 9/23/2025

Agenda Item Name:

MV Transportation Discussion

Presenter:

Jeffrey Hays, AICP

Description:

A discussion of Transportation Disadvantaged and Paratransit service in Alachua County

Recommended Action:

Discuss Transportation Disadvantaged service options

Prior Board Motions:

August 26, 2025: **Commissioner Cornell moved** the following:

1. To authorize a Chair letter and request the City pause any efforts to cancel the current para contract that also provides service to the County.
2. That the County further request this be scheduled for the next Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization (MTPO) Meeting.
3. Direct staff to bring back information on how it will affect transit outside the City of Gainesville if the contract ends in January 2026.

2nd Commissioner Prizzia

The motion carried 5-0.

Fiscal Note:

Any change to existing Transportation Disadvantaged contracts with MV Transportation could result in budgetary impacts.

Strategic Guide:

Social and Economic Opportunity

Background:

The last year has been tumultuous for the planning and funding of public transportation services in the community. The overall public transportation system is currently funded by an interwoven set of partners which includes federal, state, and multiple local funding sources. Local funding sources

include University of Florida student fees, Santa Fe College student fees, Alachua County general funds and City of Gainesville general and gas tax funds. General fixed route services have traditionally been provided by the City of Gainesville's Regional Transit System. Paratransit and Transportation Disadvantaged services have been provided by MV Transportation, Inc, the County's designated Community Transportation Coordinator through multiple agreements with the State, Alachua County and the City of Gainesville. The University of Florida in negotiations with the City of Gainesville has chosen to discontinue many previously provided RTS services on and off Campus. This has led to a severe funding shortfall in the overall funding package for RTS. The City of Gainesville, who has previously contracted with MV Transportation for ADA paratransit services, has chosen to bring those services in house starting January 1st, 2026. The funding provided by the City of Gainesville to MV Transportation is a significant portion of MV's total County services. MV Transportation has informed County staff that these changes may affect their ability to continue to effectively provide Transportation Disadvantaged and other services in the County. Staff will discuss ongoing negotiations and potential solutions regarding ADA and paratransit service.