

TOWN OF DAVIE

TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM/PHONE: Chris Kovanes, Programs Administrator/ 797-1102
Prepared by: Colleen Ryan, Grants Specialist/ 797-1024

SUBJECT: Resolution

AFFECTED DISTRICT: District 2

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE FDOT INTERMODAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ON BEHALF OF NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY FOR A TRANSIT TERMINAL AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN TO ACT AS THE GOVERNMENTAL SPONSOR FOR SUCH APPLICATION.

REPORT IN BRIEF: Nova Southeastern University (NSU) is pursuing grant funding to construct a transit center on its campus. The proposed project includes an eight bay transit terminal and accommodations for five shuttle buses adjacent to the main NSU parking garage on Abe Fishler Blvd. Construction of the facility is estimated at \$750,000.

NSU has identified the FDOT Intermodal Development Program as a possible funding source. Since only public agencies may apply to this program, NSU has requested that the Town act as governmental sponsor for the project and submit the funding request on NSU's behalf.

NSU is requesting \$375,000 from FDOT and will supply a \$375,000 match. If FDOT approves the request, agreements with FDOT and NSU would need to be approved by Council to accept and implement the funding. The project also would need to go through all appropriate local review processes, such as site plan review, Town Council approval and permitting.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS: None

CONCURRENCES: None

FISCAL IMPACT:

Has request been budgeted? No

If yes, expected cost:

If no, amount needed: N/A.

What account will funds be appropriated from: N/A

RECOMMENDATION(S): Motion to approve the resolution

Attachment(s): Resolution, Copy of NSU request and conceptual site renderings.

RESOLUTION _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE FDOT INTERMODAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ON BEHALF OF NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY FOR A TRANSIT TERMINAL AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN TO ACT AS THE GOVERNMENTAL SPONSOR FOR SUCH APPLICATION.

WHEREAS, Nova Southeastern wishes to seek funding from the Florida Department of Transportation for construction of a transit terminal that will facilitate the intermodal and multimodal movement of people within the South Florida Education Center; and

WHEREAS, only public agencies may submit applications to the targeted funding program; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Davie desires to assist Nova Southeastern University to secure grant funds for this project by acting as the governmental sponsor of the application and submitting the funding request on Nova Southeastern University's behalf.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The Town Council of the Town of Davie hereby authorizes the Town of Davie to be the governmental sponsor applicant for the Nova Southeastern University transit center proposal to the Florida Department of Transportation.

SECTION 2. The Town Council of the Town of Davie authorizes the Mayor and/or Town Administrator to submit a request for funding on behalf of Nova Southeastern University to the Florida Department of Transportation, Intermodal Development Program, for the construction of a transit center.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2004.

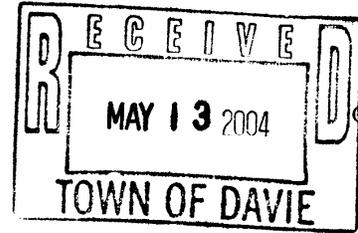
MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER

ATTEST:

TOWN CLERK

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2004.

**Poole
McKinley
& Blosser**



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Peter Witschen
Brian Yablonski

May 12, 2004

Mr. Tom Willi
Town Administrator
6591 Orange Drive
Davie, FL 33314

Dear Tom:

It was a pleasure to meet with you yesterday. I have drafted for your information a narrative describing the importance of the transit terminal that Nova Southeastern is endeavoring to construct as the benefit to the South Florida Education Center in the Regional Activity Center located within the Town of Davie.

The need for this transit center is based in both the future land use plan of the Town of Davie policy 10.3 where it states the Town should work with the South Florida Educational Center Schools in Broward County in developing alternate transportation modes within the RAC. (3,000 acres within the Town of Davie.)

Further in the future land use plan goes on to say that the Town shall include additional public transportation services and paths for pedestrians, bicycles, horses to link downtown. The transit terminal is designed to be a major inter model transportation network.

Policy 10.11B is the Town of Davie goes on to say that alternate modes of transportation for employees and facility users be developed along with incentives for not utilizing automobiles for travel to the facility; therefore, the transit terminal is important.

Objective 5.1 in the Town's Transportation Element goes on to say the Town shall continue to provide and encourage alternatives to single occupancy in automobile travel to minimize negative environmental impacts.

Objective 6.2 from the Town's Transportation Element says the Town shall work cooperatively with Broward County, Florida Department of Transportation to increase the level BTC ridership.

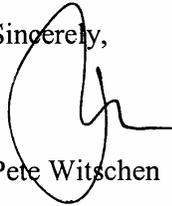
Policy 6.15 of the Town's Transportation Element goes on to say the Town shall coordinate with all Broward County Mass Transit and Tri-Rail to ensure that required transit services in the area are available to meet the level of service criteria.

Therefore as a critical element to the success of the RAC and supportive to the goals and policies of the Town of Davie, Nova Southeastern University is proposing to construct of an eight bay transit center adjacent to NSU's main parking garage on Abe Fishler Blvd. Included also in that plan are spaces to accommodate five shuttle buses to accommodate transit within Nova's campus.

Construction of the transit facility is estimated at \$750,000 with the required match being funded by NSU to the benefit of the RAC. This request is for your assistance in securing grant funds for this transit improvement project by acting as the governmental sponsor applicant. We are hopeful you can agenda this matter for Town Council June 2.

I have attached copies of renderings for your review as well as policy statements from the Town of Davie. If there is anything additional I can provide you please do not hesitate in contacting me.

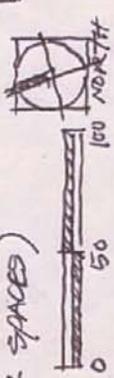
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pete Witschen', written over a circular stamp or seal.

Pete Witschen

PW/nt

Attachment



NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
 TRANSIT CENTER
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 AUGUST 19, 2003



Intermodal Development Program Guidance

Purpose

The Intermodal Development Program provides an additional resource for major capital investment in fixed-guideway transportation systems, access to seaports, airports and other transportation terminals, providing for the construction of intermodal or multimodal terminals; and to otherwise facilitate the intermodal or multimodal movement of people and goods.

Intermodal Development Program will be allocated to the Districts by formula.

Eligible Recipients

Eligible recipients are public agencies eligible to receive FDOT state funding.

Eligible Projects

Projects that are eligible for funding under this program include major capital investments in public rail and fixed-guideway transportation facilities and systems which provide intermodal access and which have complied with the requirement of the Department's major capital investment policy; road, rail, or fixed-guideway access to, from, or between seaports, airports, and other transportation terminals; construction of intermodal or multimodal terminals' development and construction of dedicated bus lanes' and projects which otherwise facilitate the intermodal or multimodal movement of people and goods.

Project Solicitation

Each District will notify eligible recipients of available funding annually. Project requests must be submitted to the District Office by June 15th annually.

Available Districtwide Funding

Please note that in Fiscal Year 2004 District 4 FDOT received \$2,100,000.00 that was distributed throughout its five counties.

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Public Transit Service Development Program Guidance

Purpose

The Public Transit Service Development Program was enacted by the Florida Legislature to provide **initial** funding for new projects. The program is **selectively** applied to determine whether a **new or innovative** technique or measure can be used to improve or expand public transit.

Eligible Recipients

Eligible recipients are public agencies, including municipalities, transit agencies, and other government agencies.

Eligible Costs

Up to one-half of the non-federal share of project costs may be awarded. Toll revenue credits **may not** be used as match. Local funds or private funds may be used as match. For projects including operating costs fares do not count as a match and must be deducted from the project budget.

Eligible costs include operating and capital costs as defined by the Federal Transit Administration. Public Transit Service Development projects specifically include projects involving the use of new technologies, services, routes or vehicle frequencies; the purchase of special transportation services, and other such techniques for increasing service to the riding public as are applicable to specific localities and transit user groups. Projects involving the application of new technologies or methods for improving operations, maintenance and marketing in public transit systems can be funded through the Service Development Program.

Project Solicitation

Projects shall be developed in consultation with eligible recipients, and the need for such projects shall be justified in the recipient's Transit Development Plan or Transportation Disadvantaged Plan. Project requests must be submitted to the District Office by June 15th annually. The District Office will review submissions and forward applications to Florida Department of Transportation Central Office in Tallahassee. Central Office makes the final determination of grant awards. If the project receives funding the funds will be available the following July.

Final Project

Upon project completion the agency must forward to District 4 FDOT a final report on the project, analyzing the success or lack thereof in terms of the criteria established at the beginning of the project, and the basis on which the decision to continue or not to continue the experimental service, method, technology, etc., was made.

Available Districtwide Funding

Please note that in Fiscal Year 2004 District 4 FDOT received \$900,000.00 that was distributed throughout its five counties.

Park and Ride Lot Program

Purpose

This program provides for the purchase and/or leasing of private land for the construction of park and ride lots or the promotion of these lots. This program is an integral part of the commuter assistance program efforts to encourage the use of transit, carpools, vanpools and other high occupancy modes.

Eligible Recipients

Eligible recipients are public agencies, including municipalities, transit agencies, and other government agencies.

Eligible Costs

Eligible costs include planning, design, right of way acquisition, engineering, marketing and construction of park and ride lots. This funding can be up to 100 percent state funds.

Project Solicitation

Projects shall be developed in consultation with eligible recipients, and the need for such projects shall be justified in the recipient's Transit Development Plan or Long Range Transportation Plan. Project requests must be submitted to the District Office by June 15th annually. The District Office will review submissions and forward applications to Florida Department of Transportation Central Office in Tallahassee. Central Office makes the final determination of grant awards. If the project receives funding the funds will be available the following July. If a lot is being constructed a Maintenance Agreement must be executed between the Department and the local agency constructing the park and ride lot outlining the agency's responsibilities for maintenance of the facility.

Available Districtwide Funding

Please note that only \$1,000,000.00 is available statewide. In Fiscal Year 2004, District 4 FDOT received \$480,000.00.