



City of Coral Gables
 CITY COMMISSION MEETING
 December 12, 2023

ITEM TITLE:

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Public Transportation Grant Agreement in the amount of \$253,000, as identified in the Notice of Grant Award FM # 453981-1-84-01 between the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the City of Coral Gables to provide Flex Route Transportation Service using Tesla vehicles and to amend the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Budget to recognize the grants funds as revenue and appropriating such funds to be used for such services.

BRIEF HISTORY:

The City of Coral Gables contracted with Freebee to provide point to point ride services during streetscape construction pursuant to City Commission Resolution No. 2016-270. The point-to-point micro transit service has transported more than 315,000 passengers since its inception and has been well received by the Coral Gables downtown community.

In May of 2023, the City applied for a grant from the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) to fund a TPO Smart Demonstration Project. The City’s proposed project is a Flex Route Transportation Service via Electric Vehicles for a total of \$506,000 of which \$253,000 is from the grant and \$253,000 is the required matching funds from the City of Coral Gables. The proposal submitted was approved by the TPO and forwarded to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for final funding determination.

A Public Transportation Grant Agreement is being prepared by FDOT for matching fund financial assistance to fund up to 50% of the cost of providing a Flex Route Transportation Service via Electric Vehicles.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Proposed Resolution
2. Notice of Grant Award

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

No.	Amount	Account No.	Source of Funds
1.	\$253,000	360-8800-544-3112	Trolley Transportation Fund
Total:	\$253,000		

Fiscal Impact:

The flex route Freebee service is crucial as it provides mobility throughout and supports commerce within our Downtown and Central business district. The program will help enhance service by lowering wait times and reducing passengers’ exposure to the weather (heat, wind, and rain). The 50% required matching funds will be allocated through the County’s Half Penny Tax or PTP funds distributed through the CITT.