

TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager

FROM: Terry A. Jordan, Director Space Coast Area Transit

SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025061

CEER #2025061, titled Abolish Public Transportation, was received by the County from Charles Broughton.

Citizen Statement:

"Public transportation (ie buses) are a nuisance on the road and not used by the general public in any significance to justify their existence."

Citizen Recommendation:

Abolish public transportation to reduce the burden on the taxpayer.

Staff Analysis:

During fiscal year 2024, Space Coast Area Transit provided close to 2 million passenger trips in Brevard County. An average of greater than 6,500 passenger trips are taken each weekday. As reflected in passenger surveys the number one reason for use of Brevard's public transit system are passengers traveling to and from work each day. Additional reasons shared by our community members of a reliance on public transit are for access to healthcare, attend school, grocery shopping, prescriptions and other life-sustaining goods and services.

Space Coast Area Transit also provides other services to include Paratransit service to disabled individuals who are unable to drive themselves or unable to utilize the Public Transit fixed route system. Users of this service are reliant on Space Coast Area Transit for transportation to such life sustaining services such as dialysis treatment, medical appointments, and nutritional locations. Additionally daily transportation is provided to individuals with developmental disabilities to such locations as adult daycare and training centers and/or worksites, who would otherwise be unable to attend such activities.

According to most recent census data, Brevard County's population is made up of a variety of Public Transportation dependent citizens, with 16% being disabled, 25% being over the age of 65, 18% being under the age of 16, and 10% of families earning less than \$28,000 annually. This highlights the need for Public Transit Services in Brevard County.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners reject CEER #2025061 as it does not provide for enhancement or effectiveness and efficiency of County government.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager



Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov

Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2025 6:58 PM

To: Horst, Rachel

Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2025061

Recommendation # 2025061

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2025061 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

Group/Organization

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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID 2025061

Recommendation Title Abolish Public Transportation

Areas Affected

Department Affected

Current problem Public transportation (ie buses) are a nuisance on the road and not used by the

general public in any significance to justify their existence.

Recommendation Abolish public transportation to reduce the burden on the taxpayer.

Attachments No Documents were attached.

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