



Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

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Legislation Text

File #: 1406, **Version:** 1

Subject:

Approval, Re: Federal Transit Administration Fiscal Year 2020 Certifications and Assurances

Fiscal Impact:

No Fiscal Impact in approving the Federal Certifications and Assurances; however, if the Board chooses not to approve the Certifications and Assurances, then Space Coast Area Transit will be unable to draw any Federal Transit Funding.

Dept/Office:

Transit Services

Requested Action:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Fiscal Year 2020 Certifications and Assurances for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grants. It is further requested the Board authorize the Transit Director to Execute the Certifications and Assurances electronically.

Summary Explanation and Background:

Each year, Brevard County, as the designated grantee for Federal Transit Administration funding, must agree to the FTA Certifications and Assurances in order to draw Federal funds. The certifications spell out twenty (20) categorical mandates that must be complied with, such as: Procurement and Procurement Systems, Safety Plans, Transit Asset Management Plans, Alcohol and Controlled Substances Testing, State of Good Repair, Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Programs, etc.

The Certifications and Assurances are a pre-award requirement from the FTA that must be approved and signed within 90 days of the publication date of February 28, 2020 . Failure to approve the Certifications and Assurances will delay or deny the disbursement of FTA funds. Brevard County receives about \$9 million in FTA funds annually. Space Coast Area Transit's entire capital and preventative maintenance budget is federally funded.

By signing the Certifications and Assurances, Space Coast Area Transit must meet a number of Federal requirements such as Drug and Alcohol testing, Federal procurement regulations, etc. It is difficult to measure the cost of these requirements without a detailed study, however, it is estimated that the costs run approximately \$200,000 to \$300,000 per year.

Clerk to the Board Instructions: