



Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

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Legislation Text

File #: 4065, **Version:** 1

Subject:

Approval, Re: Federal Transit Administration Fiscal Year 2022 Certifications and Assurances

Fiscal Impact:

There is 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 Administration Funding. Space Coast Area Transit receives approximately \$7,000,000 yearly.

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 2022 Certifications and Assurances for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grants. It is further requested that the Board authorize the Transit Director execute the Certifications and Assurances electronically.

Summary Explanation and Background:

Each year, Brevard County, as the designated grantee for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding, must agree to the FTA Certifications and Assurances in order to draw Federal funds. The certifications spell out twenty-one (21) categorical mandates that must be complied with, such as: Purchasing and Procurement, Safety Plans, Transit Asset Management Plan, Alcohol and Controlled Substance Testing, State of Good Repair, Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Programs, etc. Most recently added was Emergency Relief Programs.

The Certifications Assurances are a pre-award requirement from the FTA that must be approved and signed within 90 days of the publication date of February 3, 2022. Failure to approve the Certifications and Assurances will delay or deny the disbursement of FTA funds. Brevard County receives about \$7 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, Safety Plans, etc. It is difficult to measure the cost of these requirements without a detailed study; however, it is estimated that the costs run approximately \$250,000 to \$350,000 per year and are reimbursable through FTA grants.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

Please have the Chair sign one set of the FY2022 Certifications and Assurances and send it to Transit Services.