SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Potential New Bus Route to Airport and Midway Community

DEPARTMENT: Planning and Dev.   **DIVISION:** Planning

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Agenda Date 10/14/03   Regular ☐   Consent ☐   Work Session ☐   Briefing ☒
Public Hearing – 1:30 ☐   Public Hearing – 7:00 ☐

MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:

Staff wishes to brief the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) on the potential to provide a new bus route from the Seminole Center (Walmart Center) to the Orlando Sanford Airport, Midway and the Central Florida Family Health Center on SR 415. Staff wishes direction from the BCC whether to go forward with this opportunity.

BACKGROUND:

A new bus route is planned for Lake Mary Boulevard to be funded by Workforce Central Florida at an annual cost estimated of approximately $200,000 and it is scheduled to begin at the end of December. In regard to the possibility of other new bus service in the County, there are potential grants which the County may wish to explore. Grant proposals often require a local match. LYNX has suggested to the County that the money put towards new service for the Lake Mary Boulevard route could be counted as a 50 percent local match to apply for a "Job Access and Reverse Commute" grant through LYNX to receive an equal amount of additional new service, for one full year at a minimum and possibly two years, for a new route to the Orlando Sanford Airport and Midway area.

Other means of funding for year two, as a back up, are being explored:
- Exchanging capital money for operating expenses; or
- The use of Community Block Grant funds.

The proposed bus route, as displayed in the attachment, would provide access to the airport and to east Sanford, Midway, the Community Health Center on SR 415 and loop back on the route (see attachment displaying proposed route). The proposed route would run Monday through Saturday with 60 minute intervals between buses from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. The new route, with the service frequency described above, is estimated to cost

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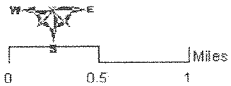DFS:_____
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$205,338 for a full year and $156,163 for a partial year should the service begin the end of December when the new Lake Mary Blvd. route is to begin. A representative of the Orlando Sanford Airport has indicated that Sunday is a busy work day at the airport and to please investigate adding Sunday service. To run the route on Sunday and holidays would cost an additional $37,878 per year. For running the bus seven days a week, the County may need to partner with others to fund an additional $38,000 to fund Sundays and holidays.

Seminole County has long recognized the need to provide local bus service to the Orlando Sanford Airport. The Airport is a major employer in the area and is one of three target industry areas noted in the Economic Strategic Plan and Vision 2020, the Seminole County Comprehensive Plan. Representatives of the Airport and the City of Sanford are in support of the new route to provide bus service for employees to get to the Airport and for service to Midway. As part of planning for the new route, County, City of Sanford and LYNX planners will reevaluate any needed changes to the current route to Midway, route 34, to ensure the ability for transfers and look to avoid duplication. LYNX, as shown in the attached display, proposes to cut service to Midway from the existing route 34 and allow the new bus route to service Midway. This proposed change to route 34 will be reviewed by City and County Staff.

Staff seeks direction from the BCC to go forward with this opportunity and explore a funding package for the first two years of service. Should the BCC authorize Staff to continue planning the new route, Staff would come back to the BCC at a time in the near future to update the BCC on the coordination with LYNX on funding proposals and grant status.

Attachment: Display entitled "LYNX's Proposed Revised Route 34 and New Airport-Midway Route"

LYNX's Proposed Revised Route 34 and
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(file: new 34 route.ppt)