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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** OCTOBER 3, 2018

**TO:** NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**FROM:** BRIAN D. TEEPLE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER 

**RE:** REGIONAL TRANSIT COORDINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE

### History

The Regional Transit Coordinating Committee (RTCC) was formed in 2006 as the Northeast Florida Regional Mobility Coalition. The Mobility coalition was sponsored by the Jacksonville Transportation Authority and chaired by NEFRC staff. The Mobility Coalition evolved into the RTCC in 2016 as a committee of the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC). Membership of the RTCC includes transit agencies (Baker County Transit, Clay Transit, Jacksonville Transportation Authority, Nassau Transit, Ride Solution (Putnam County), and the Sunshine Bus Company (St. Johns County)), the North Florida TPO, the NEFRC, FDOT and County planning staff.

### Purpose

The purpose of the RTCC is to promote and facilitate the development of a seamless regional public transportation system that achieves efficiencies, eliminates duplication and increases coordination to address service and funding gaps. The RTCC has identified a number of priority projects, including:

- **Regional Fare System** to make it easier for customers to pay for travel with a single fare instrument.
- **Regional brand and marketing** to increase the visibility, promotion and utilization of available mobility options.
- **Coordinated transit services** to maximize vehicle utilization, decrease cost while

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increasing the number of people served.

- **Staff training programs** to improve the consistency of service quality and staff expertise.
- **Shared contingency fleet** to reduce unnecessary vehicle capital and operating expenses, while also making accessible vehicles available to a wider range of passengers.

### Discussion

The RTC likely will be sun setting in November and the RTCC will find themselves “homeless”. The North Florida TPO (the regional transportation planning agency) has indicated they are not in a position to provide a landing place for the RTCC. The only other regional planning agency with a nexus to transportation/transit is the NEFRC (we are the Designated Official Planning Agency for all counties in Northeast Florida except for Duval).

Since we have participated in the RTCC since it was formed in 2006, there should not be a significant increased financial burden on the NEFRC if the RTCC were to find a home with us. The increased responsibilities, beyond our current participation, would be to provide coordination secretariat services to the RTCC.

### Recommendation

**Staff recommends that the Board authorize staff to, if asked by the RTCC, provide a home to the RTCC and to develop communication/reporting mechanisms to the NEFRC Board.**

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