



# UF Bus Contract Proposal

*Draft for Discussion as of 3/6/24*

## Current State:

- University of Florida utilizes student transportation fees to cover contract with RTS – student fees have not increased in several years despite rising costs
- UF current spends ~\$12.7M+ on RTS annually
- Current model is no longer substantiable – the University is exploring other options
- Current contract with RTS expires on June 30, 2024

## Proposal:

- Starting July 1, 2024 – UF proposes a month-to-month agreement with RTS based on average UF community ridership (outlined below) while a technology solution can be implemented to more accurately capture ridership data and/or other travel solutions are implemented

Estimated Students Rides/Month <sup>1</sup>	Estimated Faculty/Staff Rides/Month	Estimated Total Rides/Month	Cost/Ride	Total Cost/Month
371,277	8,104	379,381	\$1.50	\$ 569,072

- We would propose a **month-to-month contract of \$570,000/month** based on historical average ridership until a long-term solution is reached

## Next Steps:

- Understand impacts to bus operations and routes from current proposal
- Outline plan to incorporate technology solution into RTS buses so better ridership data can be collected
- Consider other student/staff/faculty ridership models – including a OneUF approach by incorporating UFHealth into any future RTS contractual agreement
- Understand other transit options for UF community and GNV residents (e.g. e-bikes, scooters, etc.)

1. Ridership Data provided by City of Gainesville from January Report