

**TAMPA BAY AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-08**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MANATEE COUNTY AREA TRANSIT'S  
SERVICE DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION FOR IMPROVED  
SERVICE ON THE ROUTE 99**

**WHEREAS**, the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (“TBARTA”) is an agency of the State of Florida created to plan, develop, finance, construct, own, operate, maintain and manage multimodal systems in Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, and Pinellas Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, TBARTA’s purpose is to improve mobility and expand multimodal transportation options throughout its five-county region; and

**WHEREAS**, Manatee County Area Transit (“MCAT”) is a department of Manatee County, which is a member of TBARTA; and

**WHEREAS**, for over ten years MCAT and Sarasota County Area Transit (“SCAT”) have jointly operated the Route 99, which provides service along U.S. 41 from downtown Bradenton to downtown Sarasota; and

**WHEREAS**, U.S. 41 is a congested corridor, and the Route 99 is the most ridership productive fixed route in the two-county area; and

**WHEREAS**, the TBARTA Regional Transit Development Plan (Envision 2030) identified the Route 99 as one of the highest priority regional routes in need of short-term improvements to both frequency of service and weekend service; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Department of Transportation (“FDOT”) has created the Public Transit Service Development Grant Program to provide initial funding for up to three years for transit projects that involve the use of new technologies, services, routes, or vehicle frequencies; the purchase of special transportation services; and other such techniques for increasing service to the riding public; and

**WHEREAS**, MCAT submitted a Service Development Grant Application request to FDOT for \$1,575,300 (\$525,100 each year for 3 years); and

**WHEREAS**, these funds would be used for operational expenses related to improving the service frequency from 30 minutes to 20 minutes from 6-9 AM and 3-7 PM Monday through Saturday; and

**WHEREAS**, the capital needed for this service expansion (4 buses) is currently funded in the FDOT Work Program and Sarasota/Manatee MPO TIP (FM # 439035-1) for \$1.78M.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the TBARTA Governing Board that:

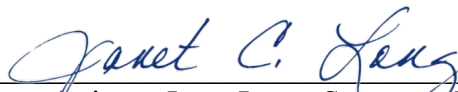
**TBARTA strongly supports MCAT's Service Development Grant application to FDOT for service improvements to the Route 99 and regards these improvements as an important contribution to regional transit service.**

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the TBARTA Governing Board on this 21st day of August 2020.

FOR THE BOARD:

ATTEST:

  
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JIM HOLTON, Chairman

  
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Commissioner Janet Long, Secretary-Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
By Alan S. Zimmet at 11:56 am, 8/27/20  
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Alan S. Zimmet, General Counsel