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

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<th>Estimated Students Rides/Month</th>
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- 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.)

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