



Date of Council Meeting: October 11, 2016

**TOWN OF LEESBURG
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

Subject: Transit Service to Future Compass Creek Development

Staff Contacts: Keith Markel, Deputy Town Manager
Jason L. Cournoyer, Budget Officer, Finance and Administrative Services
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Council Action Requested: Approval for the Mayor to send a letter to the County of Loudoun requesting an expansion of the baseline local fixed route transit services to include a connecting route from within the Town of Leesburg to the Compass Creek property upon completion of construction.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval by the Town Council to send a letter to the County of Loudoun requesting an expansion of the baseline local fixed route transit services to include a connecting route from within the Town of Leesburg to the Compass Creek property upon completion of construction.

Commission Recommendation: Not Applicable.

Fiscal Impact: There is no future fiscal impact anticipated with the requested action by the Town Council. All current staff discussions indicate that the requested route will be included in the baseline local fixed route transit services provided and funded by the County of Loudoun upon the completion of construction of the Compass Creek development.

Executive Summary: The County of Loudoun is responsible for funding and managing the baseline level of transit service within the Town of Leesburg corporate limits. Town and County staff have discussed the Town Council's desire to include expanded transit services to the Compass Creek development, and all indications are that the County staff will include a plan to expand the baseline services to include a connection route to Compass Creek.

The County Transit staff will work with Town staff in developing a planned route, conduct outreach from the Town and County stakeholders and present the proposed route changes for Town Council's approval in conjunction with the completion of the construction of the property. The development is projected to be completed by the end of 2018.

Background: Compass Creek is a 550 acre master planned development located south of the Town of Leesburg corporate limits between the Dulles Greenway and the Leesburg Executive Airport. The development is anticipated to be up to 775,000 total square feet comprised of office, retail, industrial, hotel and other commercial uses.

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The County became the sole service provider for local fixed route and para-transit services in the County and Town on September 1, 2014 upon the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Town and County. As such, the County is responsible for funding and managing the baseline level of transit service within the Town limits.

Attachments: Resolution

PRESENTED: October 11, 2016

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-_____

ADOPTED: October 11, 2016

A RESOLUTION: LETTER TO THE COUNTY OF LOUDOUN REQUESTING FUTURE
BUS SERVICE CONNECTING COMPASS CREEK DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the Town of Leesburg and the County of Loudoun executed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in May 2014 regarding the delivery of local fixed route transit service; and

WHEREAS, as part of this MOU, all the baseline transit service within the Town of Leesburg corporate limits is to be funded and provided by the County of Loudoun; and

WHEREAS, the Compass Creek is a 550 acre master planned development located south of the Town of Leesburg corporate limits between the Dulles Greenway and the Leesburg Executive Airport; and

WHEREAS, the first phases of construction of the Compass Creek development totaling 775,000 of total square feet of retail, office, industrial, hotel and other commercial uses is anticipated to be completed in 2018.

THEREFORE, RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Leesburg in Virginia that the Mayor is hereby authorized to submit a letter to the County of Loudoun requesting an expansion of the baseline local fixed route transit services to include a future connecting route from within the corporate limits of Leesburg to Compass Creek property once the first phase of the development is open to the public:

PASSED this ___ day of October, 2016.

David S. Butler, Mayor
Town of Leesburg

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council