

Community Impact. - Transit Service Reductions with UF Proposal

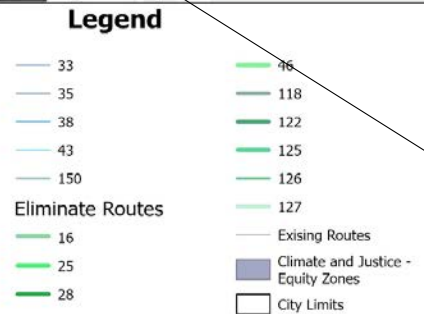
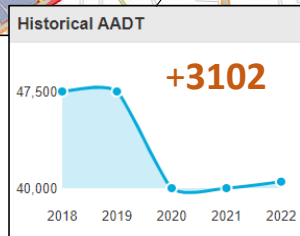
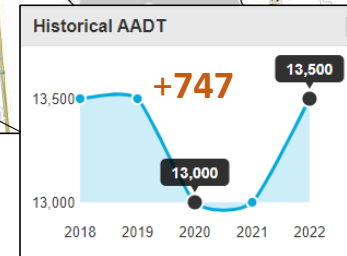
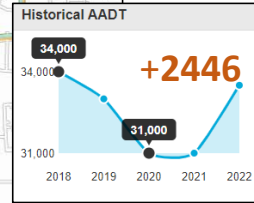
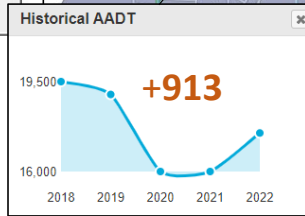
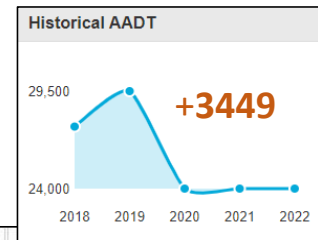
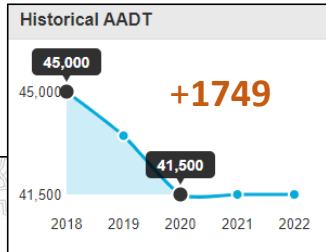
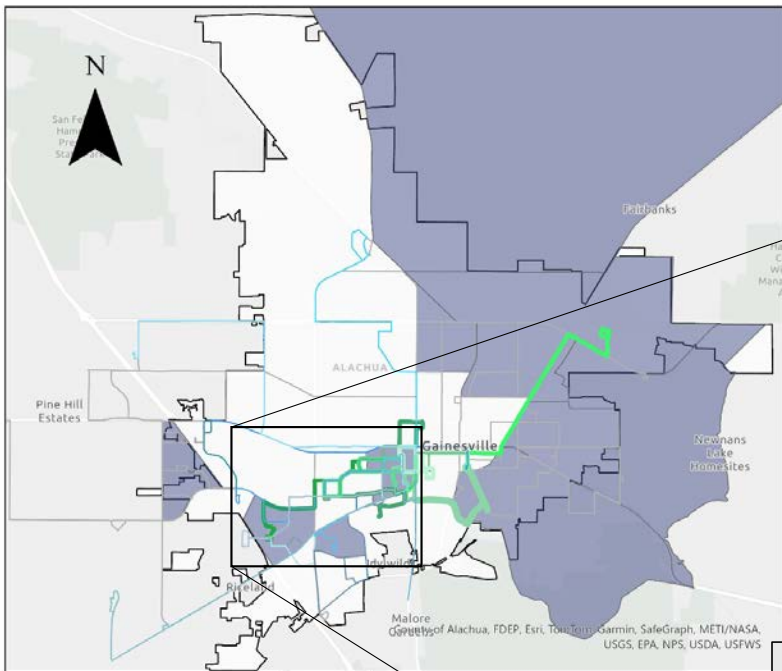
This document analyzes the likely impacts of reducing transit services if UF funding is reduced to \$6,800,000 per year. In order to address the deficiency in funding, RTS would have to reduce the operating expenses by the same amount resulting in significant impacts to the community, including equity emphasis areas (small geographic areas that have significant concentrations of low-income and/or minority populations).

These impacts would likely include reduction in service hours on 12 Routes (1, 5, 8, 9, 12, 13, 16, 20, 21, 33, 35, and 38), the elimination of 11 Routes (17, 25, 28, 34, 46, 118, 122, 125, 126, 127, and 150), and reducing the fleet by 35 buses.

A result of years of a successful partnership between the City of Gainesville and the University of Florida (UF) to enhance RTS, was the reduction of traffic volumes on UF adjacent road corridors. The impact of reducing transit services will increase congestion, emissions and likely aggravate road traffic crashes on these already high-risk roads. More than 9,000 trips will be generated daily that were otherwise covered by 316 trips by bus¹. In addition, several routes that serve equity emphasis areas will be impacted.

Routes Affected	Incremental Daily Trips	Current Trips/day	Bus daily trip reduction	Serve Equity Zones
Total	9,153	687	316	
1	356	45	12	Y
5	233	50	11	Y
8	200	32	10	
9	394	38	12	Y
12	450	57	16	Y
13	515	26	13	
16	401	17	17	Y
20	630	59	17	Y
21	283	30	8	Y
25	226	13	13	Y
28	337	16	16	Y
33	507	52	18	Y
35	353	54	13	Y
38	678	49	15	Y
43	0	23	0	Y
46	195	9	9	Y
118	1641	38	38	Y
122	425	17	17	Y
125	585	17	17	Y
126	232	10	10	Y
127	413	19	19	Y
150	100	15	15	Y

¹ All estimations were obtained using data for Fall - 2023



> More than 8,000 passengers without service on adjacent equity zones
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