UT Southwestern Site-Specific Shuttle Agreement

Committee-of-the-Whole
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Today’s Action

- Approval of a resolution authorizing the President /Executive Director or his designee to execute a three-year agreement with the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center for funding and operation of a shuttle service in the Medical Center area, substantially in the form shown in Exhibit 1 the Resolution and subject to legal review, in a total authorized amount not to exceed $99,500
Background of Service

• The most recent agreement was approved in 2016, and original term expires in September 2019
• UTSW employment is currently around 14,400
• Patient visits are estimated at more than 2.2 million outpatients per year and up to 100,000 hospitalized inpatients
• The partnership has provided added value by operating at subsidy per passenger of $0.94
Service Description

- UTSW shuttles provide employees and patients short last-mile connections from Parkland Station and Medical/Market Center Station to complete trips. Virtually all riders have purchased fares on DART and/or TRE vehicles.
- Shuttle routes include circulating the UTSW campus area and serving Children’s Hospital, Parkland Hospital, Bass Center, and William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital.
- Routes operate from 5:48am to 7:09pm.
- Routes currently carry 254 average weekday riders.
Budget

- DART would reimburse UTSW for $98,500 per year, which is less than 50% of the total operating cost of the shuttle service
Recommendation

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QUESTIONS?