NEW BUS SHELTERS THE PURPOSE AND NEED

Given that the existing bus shelters were installed in 2001, the City Commission in 2015 directed the Administration to update the design of the existing bus shelters with the goal of achieving an iconic design and providing amenities/enhancements that could help promote transit use. Please refer to Letter of Intent for more details.

Current bus shelters have a various deficiencies such are:

- Limited protection from the elements (sun/rain) due to very high roof and protection on 2 sides only (back panel and advertising panel)
- Do not provide for passenger security lighting (dark overnight)
- Do not provide for an estimated time of bus/trolley arrival
- Very heavy structure, thus complex for removal/installation/relocation
- Current design prevents installation at the bus stops of limited right-of-way. As a result, only a third of the bus stops currently are equipped with bus shelters

The goal of the design is to create attractive bus shelters that address all deficiencies of the current bus shelters, by providing better protection from the elements, better overall coverage (the goal is to have bus shelters at all bus stops), provide estimated time of bus/trolley arrival at each stop, provide passenger security lighting and desirably, security camera (only at key locations).

While the new and improved bus shelters will significantly improve overall quality of transit service for captive riders, we strongly believe that they will also increase attractiveness of transit service for both captive and choice riders, helping the City become less car centric and improving mobility.

Thank you very much for your assistance on this important project.

Respectfully,

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