

City of Gainesville Regional Transit System

Alachua County Elementary School “I” Transit Service Proposal

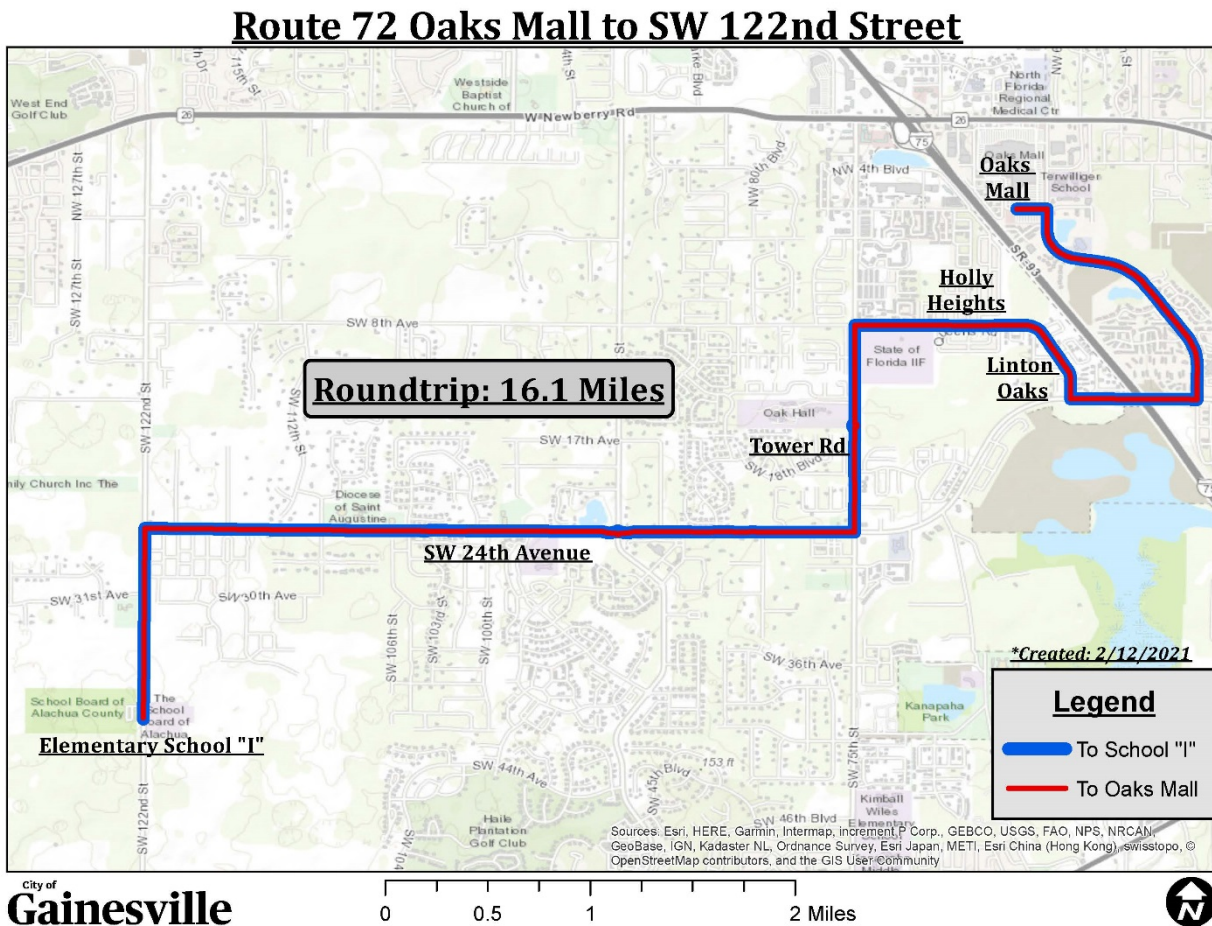


A map of Gainesville, Florida, highlighting various school districts. The map includes major roads like US-27, US-20, and I-75. Labeled areas include Newberry, Meadowbrook, Hidden Oak, Terwilliger, Littlewood University, Chiles, School "I", Wiles, Idylwild, Archer, and Newberry. A legend indicates that red house icons represent schools. A scale bar at the bottom shows distances up to 5 miles. Sources listed include Esri, HERE, Garmin, USGS, Intermap, INCREMENT P, NRCan, Esri Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), Esri Korea, Esri (Thailand), NGCC, OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community.

The School Board of Alachua County, Florida has found it in the best interest of the School District to relocate, temporarily, the students and staff of Myra Terwilliger Elementary School to the site of the new Elementary School “I” campus on Parker Road in Alachua County. Construction of Elementary School “I” is anticipated to be completed this year and the site will be open for the 2021-2022 school year. Due to the relocation of students to Elementary School “I,” the School Board requested that RTS provide transit service in the area of Parker Road.

The School District has suggested the extension of Route 75 to serve the several neighborhoods affected by the school move, and the new school. Route 75 is the longest route in RTS bus route network - it is 33.70 miles roundtrip with a headway between 40-60 minutes. Extending Route 75 to serve additional riders farther west, in a new service zone, would further diminish the quality of the service.

Applying School District data, the largest concentration of children, 451, is in the area between West University Avenue and SW 8th Avenue, which encompasses Holly Heights, Harbor Cove Apartments, Cricket Club Apartments, and a trailer park community. RTS recommends the creation of a new route 72 connecting Elementary School “I” to the neighborhoods east of I-75 Freeway, including the Terwilliger Neighborhood.



Service Hours and Estimated Service Cost

Transit bus service will be provided between 7:30 AM – 5:30 PM, Monday through Friday for a total of 10 hours per weekday. To reduce wait time, it is proposed that RTS deploy two (2) buses for the service. Service will be provided for 4,180 hours/year for a total cost of **\$462,726.***

*Calculation includes service uses 209 days/year, a rate of \$110.70/hr. 2 buses, 10 hours/day.