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Proposed Expanded Golden Panther (GPE) Bus Service may be integrated with other transit opportunities as follows:

- GPE is assessable to the selected ITPA customers when seats are reserved 15 minutes before departure and to other ITPA users on a seat available basis thereafter and back up transit access is proposed using back-up community transit and metropolitan transit vehicles coordinated through a customer service centric ITPA.
- Use of MDT Kendal Cruiser-type tracker or similar system that is integrated within ITPA
- Use of Traffic Signal Priority (TSP) system to avoid longer trip times
- Over time the routing for each GPE trip will be able to respond to ITPA customers trip requests including, after the SR826/I-75 express lanes are completed and I-75 Express
and other related express bus services are deployed in 2017/2018 and thereafter, access to Metrorail & I-75 Express Palmetto Station, Golden Glades Tri-Rail Station, and to MiC at the Miami Central Station will be granted subject to review and approval of the work defined by the UniversityCity SAMS.

- Use of SR 826 and I-75 Express Lanes when completed (otherwise GPE will continue to use Florida Turnpike Homestead Extension to intersection with the Turnpike Mainline before proceeding south to Golden Glades Tri-Rail Station and thereafter Biscayne Bay Campus or will use alternate routing on SR 836, I-95 or otherwise in order to keep to schedule per https://m.fiu.edu/transit/index.php?action=table&route=EXPRESSION)
- Access to the Metrorail & 1-75 Express Palmetto Station via NW 74th Street will continue as an option if NW 74th Street remains uncongested (3.8 mile trip between the Turnpike Homestead Extension and Palmetto Station in less than 10 minutes) and routing on NE 167th Street, NE 163rd Street, US 1, NE 10th Avenue, NE 135th, West Dixie Highway, NE 151st Street, Le Jeune Road and Airport Expressway (SR112) to Biscayne Bay Campus will depend on conditions as reported through ITPA
- Access to Miami Central Station is authorized immediately as the FIU identified need arises
- Access to Flagler Station will be proposed to be included in the UniversityCity SAMS efforts to explore how best to improve traffic conditions with the Maidique Campus and Sweetwater greater UniversityCity footprints
- Access to community transit and metropolitan transit service is examined to optimized at UniversityCity, Biscayne Bay Campus, Metrorail & 1-75 Express Palmetto Station, Miami Central Station and Golden Glades Tri-Rail Station feeder bus service and as IPTA identifies unmet need; subject to whatever review of such opportunities occurs within the UniversityCity SAMS