



## Commission Meeting

September 5, 2023

### ART Freight Plan Update to Metro Analytics

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<b>Department:</b>	Planning and Development
<b>Presenter:</b>	Carla Delaney or Department Designee
<b>Caption:</b>	Motion to <b>approve</b> bid award contract for RFQ# 23-153 ARTS Freight Plan Update to Metro Analytics. ( <b>Approved by Public Services Committee August 29, 2023</b> )
<b>Background:</b>	<p>On March 28, 2022, the Augusta Regional Transportation Study (ARTS) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) was approved for a \$300,000 grant from the Georgia Association Metropolitan Planning Organization (GAMPO) to complete the ARTS Freight Plan. On November 1, 2022, the Augusta-Richmond County Commission accepted the GAMPO grant award for the ARTS Freight Plan. On August 3, 2023, with the help of the Augusta Procurement Department, Metro Analytics was deemed the successful consultant to complete the ARTS Freight Plan update. The ARTS consists of Aiken, Augusta, Columbia, and Edgefield County. The last Freight Study was completed in 2009.</p>
<b>Analysis:</b>	N/A
<b>Financial Impact:</b>	<p>\$300,000 has been earmarked in the 2023 City of Augusta's budget to cover the expense.</p> <p>The contract will utilize \$263,958.32 of the \$380,000.00 planned.</p> <p>The funding source(s) are outlined as follows:</p> <p>FHWA-GA-PL= Up to \$240,000.00</p> <p>Augusta Planning and Development Local Match Up to \$60,000.00 which has been budgeted in 220016309-3911101. Finance and the Administrator's Office approved the local match on September 9, 2022.</p> <p>Aiken Local Match: Up to \$80,000.00</p>
<b>Alternatives:</b>	Forfeiture of the funds and the ARTS Freight Plan will remain outdated.
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Planning & Development seeks approval to award the ARTS Freight Plan contract to Metro Analytics in the amount of \$263,958.32.
<b>Funds are available in the following accounts:</b>	The contract will utilize \$263,958.32 of the \$380,000.00 planned. The budget is in 220016309-5212999.

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**APPROVED BY:**

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