

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Transit Trust Fund Program (TTFP) Grant Request</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, funds made available to METRA by the State Fiscal Year 2026 (SFY26) Transit Trust Fund Program (TTFP) in the amount of \$298,215 to be used for the procurement and installation of up to forty-eight (48) 5G routers and up to forty-eight (48) Roof-mounted 5G antennas on METRA’s buses. These items are needed on each bus to run “tap-to-pay” features on METRA’s new “Fast Fare” fareboxes and to run a live view capability for METRA’s bus security cameras.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Department of Transportation/METRA</b>

**Recommendations:** Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, funds made available to METRA by the State Fiscal Year 2026 (SFY26) Transit Trust Fund Program (TTFP) in the amount of \$298,215 to be used for the procurement and installation of up to forty-eight (48) 5G routers and up to forty-eight (48) Roof-mounted 5G antennas on METRA’s buses. These items are needed on each bus to run “tap-to-pay” credit and debit card features on METRA’s new “Fast Fare” fareboxes and to run a live view capability for METRA’s bus security cameras.

**Background:** During the 2021 legislative session, the Georgia General Assembly passed HB 511 (as codified at O.C.G.A. § 48-13-141), establishing a Georgia Transit Trust Fund Program as a separate fund in the State Treasury, with annual appropriations made to this fund. Funding is generated by fees placed on for-hire ground transport service and is to be used to fund transit projects within the State of Georgia. Projects proposed must be new, innovative, and enhance public transit in Georgia. This funding program is administered through the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT).

**Analysis:** By approving this request, METRA will be able to apply for this grant and, if awarded, use funds to procure and install up to forty-eight (48) 5G routers and up to forty-eight (48) roof-mounted 5G antennas on METRA’s buses. These items are needed on each bus to run “tap-to-pay” credit and debit card features on METRA’s new “Fast Fare” fareboxes and to run a live view capability for METRA’s bus security cameras. Grant applications are due by March 2, 2026.

**Financial Considerations:** The Transit Trust Fund Program (TTFP) requires no local match.

**Legal Considerations:** METRA Transit System has been allocated \$298,215 through the Transit Trust Fund Program (TTFP). METRA is eligible to apply for these funds.

**Recommendation/Action:** Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, funds made available to METRA by the State Fiscal Year 2026 (SFY26) Transit Trust Fund Program (TTFP) in the amount of \$298,215 to be used for the procurement and installation of up to forty-eight (48) 5G routers and up to forty-eight (48) Roof-mounted 5G antennas on METRA’s buses. These items are needed on each bus to run “tap-to-pay” credit and debit card features on METRA’s new “Fast Fare” fareboxes and to run a live view capability for METRA’s bus security cameras.

**A RESOLUTION**

**NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE TRANSIT TRUST FUND PROGRAM (TTFP) IN AN AMOUNT OF \$298,215 AWARDED TO BE USED FOR THE PROCUREMENT AND INSTALLATION OF UP TO FORTY-EIGHT (48) 5G ROUTERS AND UP TO FORTY-EIGHT (48) ROOF-MOUNTED 5G ANTENNAS ON METRA’S BUSES.**

**WHEREAS**, during the 2021 legislative session, the Georgia General Assembly passed HB 511 (as codified at O.C.G.A. § 48-13-141), establishing a Georgia Transit Trust Fund Program as a separate fund in the State Treasury, with annual appropriations made to this fund; and,

**WHEREAS**, funds in the amount up to \$298,215 have been allocated from the State fiscal Year (SFY) 2026 Transit Trust Fund Program (TTFP) to the Department of Transportation/METRA; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Transportation/METRA shall apply for these funds for the procurement and installation of up to forty-eight (48) 5G routers and up to forty-eight (48) roof-mounted 5G antennas on METRA’s buses; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Transit Trust Fund Program (TTFP) requires no local match.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:**

That the Mayor or his designee is hereby authorized to submit an application to Transit Trust Fund Program (TTFP) in an amount up to \$298,215 and if awarded, use funds for the procurement and installation of up to forty-eight (48) 5G routers and up to forty-eight (48) Roof-mounted 5G antennas on METRA’s buses.

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Anker voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Chambers voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Cogle voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Crabb voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Davis voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Garrett voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Hickey voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Huff voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Tucker voting \_\_\_\_\_.