

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Transit Trust Fund Program (TTFP) Grant
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, funds made available to METRA by the State Fiscal Year 2025 (SFY25) Transit Trust Fund Program (TTFP) in the amount of \$297,057 to be used for the procurement and installation of 360 metal compact seats at METRA bus stop locations as needed.
INITIATED BY:	Department of Transportation/METRA

Recommendations: Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, funds made available to METRA by the State Fiscal Year 2025 (SFY25) Transit Trust Fund Program (TTFP) in the amount of \$297,057 to be used for the procurement and installation of 360 metal compact seats at METRA bus stop locations as needed.

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 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 360 metal compact seats at METRA bus stops as needed.

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

Legal Considerations: METRA Transit System has been allocated \$297,057 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 2025 (SFY25) Transit Trust Fund Program (TTFP) in the amount of \$297,057 to be used for the procurement and installation of 360 metal compact seats at METRA bus stop locations as needed.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE TRANSIT TRUST FUND PROGRAM (TTFP) IN AN AMOUNT OF \$297,057 AWARDED TO BE USED FOR THE PROCUREMENT AND INSTALLATION OF 360 METAL COMPACT SEATS AT METRA BUS STOP LOCATIONS AS NEEDED.

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 \$297,057 have been allocated from the State fiscal Year (SFY) 2025 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 360 metal compact seats at METRA bus stop locations as needed; 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 City is hereby authorized to submit an application to Transit Trust Fund Program (TTFP) in an amount up to \$297,057 and if awarded, use funds for the procurement and installation of 360 metal compact seats at METRA bus stop locations as needed.

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

- Councilor Allen voting _____.
- Councilor Chambers voting _____.
- Councilor Cogle voting _____.
- Councilor Crabb voting _____.
- Councilor Davis voting _____.
- Councilor Garrett voting _____.
- Councilor Hickey voting _____.
- Councilor Huff voting _____.
- Councilor Thomas voting _____.
- Councilor Tucker voting _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor