

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Transit Trust Fund Program (TTFP) Grant Request for Solar Lighting at METRA Bus Stops.
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, funds made available to METRA by the State Fiscal Year 2023 (SFY23) Transit Trust Fund Program (TTFP) to be used for the installation of solar-powered bus stop lights in the amount up to \$213,295, or as otherwise awarded, and amend the Transportation Fund by the amount of the grant award.
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 2023 (SFY23) Transit Trust Fund Program (TTFP) to be used for the installation of solar-powered bus stop lights in the amount up to \$213,295, or as otherwise awarded, and amend the Transportation Fund by the amount of the grant award.

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 services 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 for the installation of solar-powered lighting at METRA bus stops throughout our community.

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

Legal Considerations: METRA Transit System has been allocated \$213,295 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 2023 (SFY23) Transit Trust Fund Program (TTFP) to be used for the installation of solar-powered bus stop lights in the amount up to \$213,295.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE TRANSIT TRUST FUND PROGRAM (TTFP) IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$213,295.00 OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, AND IF AWARDED, AMEND THE TRANSPORTATION FUND BY THE AMOUNT OF THE GRANT AWARD. THERE IS NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT.

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 \$213,295 have been allocated from the State fiscal Year (SFY) 2023 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 installation of solar-powered lighting at bus stop locations throughout our community; 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 Columbus Consolidated Government is hereby authorized to submit an application to the Transit Trust Fund Program (TTFP) in an amount up to \$213,295.00 and, if awarded, amend the Transportation Fund by the amount of the grant award.

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

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of May 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor House voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor