

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	FFY 2023 Congressional Appropriations Spending Request for Electric Buses
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to accept, if awarded, and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount awarded up to \$5,000,000 in funding from FFY 2023 Congressionally Directed Spending funds offered through the Offices of Senator Jon Ossoff and Senator Raphael Warnock. The funding requires a 20% match that would be allocated from Transportation Local Option Sales Tax funds in the amount of \$1,250,000. Funding will be utilized for the acquisition of 5 electric bus charging stations and 4 no emission 30-foot electric buses. The charging stations will be installed at the METRA campus located at 814 Linwood Blvd.
INITIATED BY:	Department of Transportation

Recommendation: Approval is requested to accept, if awarded, and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount awarded up to \$5,000,000 in funding from FFY 2023 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) funds offered through the Offices of Senator Jon Ossoff and Senator Raphael Warnock. The funding requires a 20% match that would be allocated from Transportation Local Option Sales Tax funds in the amount of \$1,250,000. Funding will be utilized for the acquisition of 5 electric bus charging stations and 4 no emission 30-foot electric buses.

Background: The Offices Senator Jon Ossoff and Senator Raphael Warnock announced a request for applications for FFY 2023 CDS projects. This funding program requires a 20% match that would be allocated from Transportation Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) funds. The Department of Transportation/METRA would like to apply for \$5,000,000 in CDS funding, and use \$1,250,000 in TSPLOST matching funds to acquire 5 electric bus charging stations and 4 electric buses.

Analysis: If awarded, the City would receive up to \$5,000,000 to provide the community with 4 no emission 30-foot electric buses and 5 bus charging stations. The charging stations will be installed at the METRA campus located at 814 Linwood Blvd.

Financial Considerations: \$1,250,000 in TSPLOST will be used for the required match. Funding is received on a reimbursable basis.

Legal Considerations: The City Attorney will review all agreements prior to obtaining the City Manager's signature.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is recommended to accept, if awarded, and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount awarded up to \$5,000,000 in FFY 2023 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) funding.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT, IF AWARDED, AND AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT AWARDED UP TO \$5,000,000 IN FUNDING FROM FFY 2023 CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Offices of Senator Jon Ossoff and Senator Raphael Warnock have requested the submission of Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) projects for FFY 2023; and,

WHEREAS, CDS projects are high-impact projects located in Georgia that can be jumpstarted or reach completion with the assistance from the Federal Government; and,

WHEREAS, METRA submitted for consideration a request for funding up to \$5,000,000 in FFY 2023 CDS funding; and,

WHEREAS, if awarded, this funding will be used for the acquisition of 5 electric bus charging stations and 4 no emission 30-foot electric buses for METRA Transit System; and,

WHEREAS, the funding requires a 20% match that would be allocated from Transportation Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) funds in the amount of \$1,250,000.

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

The City Manager is authorized to accept, if awarded, and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount awarded up to \$5,000,000 in FFY 2023 Congressional Congressionally Directed Spending funds.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of _____ June 2022 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten members of said Council.

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

