

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>CARES Act Stimulus Funding</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested to authorize the Department of Transportation/METRA to apply for the CARES Act Stimulus Funding for FY21 in the amount of \$6,987,789.00 or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required and amend the Transportation Fund budget by the amount awarded. On March 27, 2020, the CARES Act was signed into law providing \$2 trillion in support for a variety of industries affected by COVID-19, including the transit industry. Operating and Capital expenses for all recipients, including large urbanized areas, are eligible beginning January 20, 2020. This Approval is also requested to authorize the City Manager or Mayor to accept grant funds if approved and execute contracts with the FTA.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Department of Transportation/METRA</b>

**Recommendation:** Approval is requested to authorize the Department of Transportation/METRA to Apply for the CARES Act Stimulus Funding for FY21 in the amount of \$6,987,789.00 or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required and amend the Transportation Fund budget by the amount awarded. On March 27, 2020, the CARES Act was signed into law providing \$2 trillion in support for a variety of industries affected by COVID-19, including the transit industry. Operating and Capital expenses for all recipients, including large urbanized areas, are eligible beginning January 20, 2020. This Approval is also requested to authorize the City Manager or Mayor to accept grant funds if approved and execute contracts with the FTA.

**Background:**

On March 27th, the CARES Act was signed into law providing \$2 trillion in support for a variety of industries affected by COVID-19, including the transit industry. Operating expenses for all recipients, including large urbanized areas, are eligible beginning January 20, 2020. The Department of Transportation/METRA would like to apply for \$6,987,789.00 in the CARES Act Stimulus Funding to support the operating expenses and fund the public transportation in our local community.

	<b>FTA</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>CITY/TIA</b>
<b>CARES Act</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>

**Analysis:**

If awarded, the City could receive up to \$6,987,789.00 in CARES Act funding to provide support to assist in METRA’s capital and operational expenses and fund the transportation in our local community.

<b>CARES Act</b>	<b>CITY/TIA</b>	<b>STATE</b>	<b>FTA</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>CAPITAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$6,987,789.00</b>	<b>\$6,987,789.00</b>

**Financial Considerations:** \$6,987,789.00 would be 100% funding by FTA.

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

**Recommendation/Action:** Apply for, and if awarded, accept, and amend the Transportation Fund by the amount awarded up to \$6,987,789.00, or as otherwise awarded by the FTA CARES Act.

**A RESOLUTION**

No. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION/METRA TO APPLY FOR THE CARES ACT STIMULUS FUNDING FOR FY21 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,987,789.00 OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, WITH NO LOCAL MATCH INVOLVED AND AMEND THE TRANSPORTATION FUND BUDGET BY THE AMOUNT AWARDED. ON MARCH 27, 2020, THE CARES ACT WAS SIGNED INTO LAW PROVIDING \$2 TRILLION IN SUPPORT FOR A VARIETY OF INDUSTRIES AFFECTED BY COVID-19, INCLUDING THE TRANSIT INDUSTRY. OPERATING EXPENSES FOR ALL RECIPIENTS, INCLUDING LARGE URBANIZED AREAS, ARE ELIGIBLE BEGINNING JANUARY 20, 2020. THIS APPROVAL IS ALSO REQUESTED TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER OR MAYOR TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS IF APPROVED AND EXECUTE CONTRACTS WITH THE FTA.**

**WHEREAS**, under the Title 49 U.S.C., Section 5307, the Secretary of the Department of Transportation, United States of America (USDOT) is authorized to make grants for mass transit planning and capital improvement; and,

**WHEREAS** the Columbus Department of Transportation/METRA is the designated recipient of these transit funds; and,

**WHEREAS** the CARES Act funds are 100% funded by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) with no local match required.

**WHEREAS**, the City owns and operates the Columbus Department of Transportation/METRA, a public transit in the Columbus, Georgia Urbanized Area; and,

**WHEREAS** FY2021 shares for these programs as currently projected are:

**Title 49 U.S.C. Section 5307  
(Formerly Section 9)**

<b>GRANT 5307</b>	<b>CITY</b>	<b>GDOT</b>	<b>FTA</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>CAPITAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$6,987,789.00</b>	<b>\$6,987,789.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$6,987,789.00</b>	<b>\$6,987,789.00</b>

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

(1)

That the Mayor or City Manager is authorized to apply to FTA on behalf of the City for FY2021 CARES Act Stimulus Funding.

(2)

That the Mayor or City Manager is authorized to execute contracts in accordance with FY2021 expenses on behalf of the City with FTA and for the purpose of receiving FTA funds should the application be approved.

(3)

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2020, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of 10 members of said Council.

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

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. Skip Henderson III, Mayor