

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>METRA Capital and Operations – TSPLOST, Band 1 Project</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested to execute and enter into a contractual agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) to receive funds allocated in the amount of \$25,000,000.00 and to proceed with all elements of work outlined in the agreement to deliver the METRA Capital and Operations Project as part of TPLOST, Band 1.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Department of Transportation/METRA</b>

**Recommendations:** Approval is requested to execute and enter into a contractual agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation to receive funds allocated in the amount of \$25,000,000.00 and to proceed with all elements of work outlined in the agreement to include the provision of necessary capital and operational items such as operating costs, infrastructure upgrades, additional vehicles, provision of new and innovative on-demand services, and other transit improvements to deliver the METRA Capital and Operations Project.

**Background:** On May 24, 2022, the citizens of the River Valley Special District under the Transportation Investment Act (TIA) of 2010, approved by referendum a Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) to fund transportation needs in the sixteen-county region which includes Columbus. The METRA Capital and Operations Project was among the eleven (11) projects approved in Band 1 in the amount of \$25,000,000.00.

**Analysis:** By approving this request, the City Manager will be able to execute and enter into a contractual agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) to begin delivery on this project.

**Financial Considerations:** METRA relies on TSPLOST funding to supplement day-to-day transit service and to fund new capital projects and services. There is no local match required.

**Legal Considerations:** This project is funded by the Transportation Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) in an amount up to \$25,000,000.00 and administered per the terms of the agreement with GDOT.

**Recommendation/Action:** Approval is requested to execute and enter into a contractual agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation to receive funds allocated in the amount of \$25,000,000.00 and to proceed with all elements of work outlined in the agreement to include the provision of necessary capital and operational items such as operating costs,

infrastructure upgrades, additional vehicles, provision of new and innovative on-demand services, and other transit improvements to deliver the METRA Capital and Operations Project.

**A RESOLUTION**

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

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (GDOT) IN ORDER TO RECEIVE TRANSPORTATION SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (TSPLOST) FUNDS AND TO PROCEED WITH ALL ELEMENTS OF WORK WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE METRA CAPITAL AND OPERATIONS PROJECT, P.I. 0019515.**

**WHEREAS**, on May 24, 2022, the citizens of the River Valley Special District under the Transportation Investment Act (TIA) of 2010, approved by referendum a Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) to fund transportation needs in the sixteen-county region which includes Columbus; and,

**WHEREAS**, eleven (11) projects were approved in Band 1, including \$25,000,000 for the METRA Capital and Operations Project; and,

**WHEREAS**, project funding shall be used to provide necessary capital and operational items to enhance public transit services, including operating costs, infrastructure upgrades, additional vehicles, new and innovative on-demand services, and other transit improvements.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute and enter into a contractual agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation to receive funds allocated in the amount of \$25,000,000.00 and to proceed with all elements of work outlined in the agreement to include the provision of necessary capital and operational items such as operating costs, infrastructure upgrades, additional vehicles, provision of new and innovative on-demand services, and other transit improvements to deliver the METRA Capital and Operations Project.

**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 Begly voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.

Councilor Garrett voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Huff voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Thomas voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Tucker voting \_\_\_\_\_.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor