

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Additional Transit Trust Fund Program (TTFP)
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to apply for and accept if awarded, additional funds in the amount of \$534,367 that have been made available to METRA by the State Fiscal Year 2023 (SFY23) Transit Trust Fund Program (TTFP) and to amend the Transportation Fund by the amount of the grant award. Funds are to be used for the installation of additional solar-powered bus stoplights. If awarded, additional funds will be added to the original TTFP allocation of \$213,295 for a new total of \$747,662.
INITIATED BY:	Department of Transportation/METRA

Recommendations: Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, additional funds in the amount of \$534,367 that have been made available to METRA by the State Fiscal Year 2023 (SFY23) Transit Trust Fund Program (TTFP) and to amend the Transportation Fund by the amount of the grant award. All funds are to be used for the installation of additional solar-powered bus stop lights. If awarded, additional funds will be added to the original TTFP allocation of \$213,295 for a new total of \$747,662.

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 (TTFP) 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). METRA was originally allocated \$213,295 in SFY23. An additional amount of \$534,367 has been made available to METRA to apply for. The total amount made available is \$747,662.

Analysis: By approving this request, METRA will be able to apply for the additional funding made available 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 an additional \$534,367. If awarded, these funds will be added to the original \$213,295 allocated through TTFP for a new total of \$747,662.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, additional funds in the amount of \$534,367 that have been made available to METRA by the State Fiscal Year 2023 (SFY23) Transit Trust Fund Program (TTFP).

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO TRANSIT TRUST FUND PROGRAM (TTFP) IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$534,367.00 IN ADDITIONAL FUNDING OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, AND IF AWARDED, AMEND THE TRANSPORTATION FUND BY THE AMOUNT OF THE GRANT AWARD. THERE IS NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT. IF AWARDED, FUNDS SHALL BE ADDED TO THE ORIGINAL ALLOTTED AMOUNT OF \$213,295 TO FORM A NEW TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$747,662.

WHEREAS, additional funding in an amount up to \$534,367 has been made available 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, if awarded, the additional funding shall be added to the original allocated amount of \$213,295 to form a new total amount of \$747,662; 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 Columbus Consolidated Government is hereby authorized to submit an application to Transit Trust Fund Program (TTFP) in an amount up to \$534,367 in additional funding made available and if awarded, amended 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 Begly voting _____.

Councilor Cogle voting _____.
Councilor Crabb voting _____.
Councilor Davis voting _____.
Councilor Garrett voting _____.
Councilor Huff voting _____.
Councilor Thomas voting _____.
Councilor Tucker voting _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor