

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>FY2021 Grant Application for Planning Assistance</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested to authorize the Department of Transportation/METRA to apply to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for capital, planning and operating grants in the amount of \$121,705 or otherwise awarded. The contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations including the provision of the City share of project costs in the amount of \$13,523 bringing the total grant amount to be \$135,228. Approval is also requested to authorize the City Manager or Mayor to accept grant funds if approved and execute contracts with GDOT.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Transportation/METRA

**Recommendation:** Approval is requested to authorize the Department of Transportation/METRA to apply to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for capital, planning and operating grants in the amount of \$121,705 or otherwise awarded. Approval is also requested to authorize the City Manager or Mayor to accept grant funds if approved and execute contracts with GDOT.

**Background:** The city has been applying for capital, planning and operating grants to the Federal Transit Administration and the Georgia Department of Transportation since 1972. The Federal Transit Administration Grants are funded in the following manner.

	<b>CAPITAL</b>	<b>PLANNING</b>	<b>OPERATING</b>
<b>State 5303</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Local 5303</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>0%</b>

The Georgia Department of Transportation provides planning assistance in the amount of 10% of the total planning grants to the Federal Transit Administration. The city government has provided the required match on grants to FTA and GDOT since 1972. Funding from GDOT may be curtailed based on State Budget issues.

**Analysis:**

**Title 49 U.S.C. Section 5303  
(Formerly Section 8)**

<b>GRANT 5303</b>	<b>CITY</b>	<b>GDOT</b>	<b>FTA</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>PLANNING</b>	<b>\$13,523</b>	<b>\$121,705</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$135,228</b>

**Financial Considerations:** If the City does not apply for the grants, Columbus would be turning down \$121,705 in state funds to support public transportation in our local community.

**Projected Annual Fiscal Impact Statement:** The provision of over a million passenger transit trips annually and the purchase of capital equipment (e.g., transit buses) needed to support the safe transport of citizens within the urbanized area of Columbus.

**Legal Considerations:** The intent to apply for a Federal Transit Grant listing the program of projects must be advertised in the local paper. A resolution must be submitted with the application from the City Council authorizing application for a grant, authorizing the City Manager or Mayor to accept the grant and enter into a contract with the Federal Transit Administration and the Georgia Department of Transportation.

**Recommendations/Actions:** Authorize a resolution to approve the City to submit an application for planning from the Georgia Department of Transportation in the total amount of \$121,705 and further authorizing the City Manager or Mayor to accept the grant, if approved, and enter into a contract with the Federal Transit Administration and the Georgia Department of Transportation.

**A RESOLUTION**

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

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$135,228 OR OTHERWISE AWARDED, FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, UNDER TITLE 49 U.S.C., SECTION 5303.**

**WHEREAS**, the Secretary of the US Department of Transportation and the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Transportation are authorized to make grants for mass transportation projects; and,

**WHEREAS**, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the applicant, including the provision of the City share of the project costs, **\$13,523** and,

**WHEREAS**, the FY2021 UPWP indicates the amount of the Section 5303 funds and the state share by the Georgia Department of Transportation as **\$121,705**; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is required by the U.S. Department of Transportation in accord with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that in connection with the filing of an application for assistance under Title 49 U.S.C. the Applicant gives an assurance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and other pertinent directives and the U.S. Department of Transportation requirements there under; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is the goal of the Applicant that Minority Business Enterprise (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise and Women's Business Enterprise) be utilized to the fullest extent possible in connection with this project, and that definitive procedures shall be established and administered to ensure that minority business shall have the maximum feasible opportunity to compete for contracts and purchase orders when procuring construction contracts, supplies equipment contracts, or consultant and other services.

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

(1)

That the City Manager or his designee, herein referred to as the Official, are authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia with the Georgia Department of Transportation, to aid in the financing of a technical study grant to implement specific items of the FY2021 Unified Planning Work Program;

(2)

That the Official is authorized to execute and file with such application and assurance or any other document required by the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Georgia Department of Transportation effectuating the purposes of this grant;

(3)

That the Official is authorized to furnish such additional information as the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Georgia Department of Transportation may require in connection with the application or the project;

(4)

That the Official is authorized to set forth and execute Minority Business Enterprise, DBE (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise) and WBE (Women Business Enterprise) policies and procedures in connection with the project's procurement needs; and,

(5)

That the Official is authorized to execute a grant agreement on behalf of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia with the Georgia Department of Transportation to aid in the financing of a technical study grant to implement specific items of the Columbus, Georgia Unified Planning Work Program.

\_\_\_\_\_

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2019 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 Thompson voting	_____.
Councilor Woodson voting	_____.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor