

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending Request for Funding to Provide On-Demand Transit Service
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to accept, if awarded, and amend the Transportation Fund by an amount up to \$2,630,000 in funding from FFY 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) offered through the Office of Senator Jon Ossoff. The funding requires a match in an amount up to \$2,030,000. Available Transportation Local Option Sales Tax (T-SPLOST) funds will be used for the match. Funding will be utilized to provide an on-demand transit service for locations such as the Robert S. Poydasheff VA Clinic, the Georgia Department of Driver Services Office, and other destinations.
INITIATED BY:	Department of Transportation/METRA

Recommendation: Approval is recommended to accept, if awarded, and amend the Transportation Fund by an amount up to \$2,630,000 in funding from FFY 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) offered through the Office of Senator Jon Ossoff. The funding requires a 20% match in an amount up to \$2,030,000. Available Transportation Local Option Sales Tax (T-SPLOST) funds will be used for the match. Funding will be utilized to provide an on-demand transit service for locations such as the Robert S. Poydasheff VA Clinic, the Georgia Department of Driver Services Office, and other destinations.

Background: The Office of Senator Jon Ossoff announced a request for applications for FFY 2024 CDS projects. This funding opportunity requires a 20% match which will be allocated from available Transportation Local Option Sales Tax (T-SPLOST) funds. METRA would like to apply for \$2,630,000 in CDS funding and use \$2,030,000 available in T-SPLOST for the required match. The proposed funding will be used to implement an on-demand transit service for locations such as the Robert S. Poydasheff VA Clinic, the Georgia Department of Driver Services Office, and other destinations.

Analysis: If awarded, the City would receive up to \$2,630,000 in CDS funding to provide an on-demand transit service for locations such as the Robert S. Poydasheff VA Clinic, the Georgia Department of Driver Services Office, and other destinations. Funds will be used to acquire four (4) vehicles and to fund up to six (6) non-CDL positions for METRA Transit System to provide the on-demand transit service.

Financial Considerations: Up to \$2,020,000 is available in T-SPLOST and 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 Transportation Fund by an amount up to \$2,630,000 in FFY 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS).

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT, IF AWARDED, AND AMEND THE TRANSPORTATION FUND BY AN AMOUNT UP TO \$2,630,000 IN FUNDING FROM FFY 2024 CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING.

WHEREAS, the Office of Senator Jon Ossoff has requested the submission of Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) projects for FFY 2024; 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 submits for consideration a request for funding up to \$2,630,000 in FFY 2024 CDS; and,

WHEREAS, if awarded, these funds will be used to acquire four (4) vehicles and to fund up to six (6) non-CDL positions for METRA Transit System to provide an on-demand transit service for locations such as the Robert S. Poydasheff VA Clinic, the Georgia Department of Driver Services Office, and other destinations; and,

WHEREAS, the funding requires a match that will be allocated from available Transportation Local Option Sales Tax (T-SPLOST) funds by an amount up to \$2,030,000.

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 Transportation Fund by an amount up to \$2,630,000 in FFY 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of March 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____.
- Councilor Barnes voting _____.
- Councilor Cogle Voting _____.
- Councilor Crabb voting _____.
- Councilor Davis voting _____.
- Councilor Garrett voting _____.
- Councilor House voting _____.
- Councilor Huff voting _____.
- Councilor Thomas voting _____.
- Councilor Tucker voting _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor