

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting
1/28/2020**

Agenda Report #

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	FY2021 FTA 5307 and 5339 Grant Applications for Capital and Planning Assistance
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to authorize the Department of Transportation/METRA to apply to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for capital and planning grants in the amount of \$2,811,831 or otherwise awarded. Approval is also requested to authorize the City Manager or Mayor to accept grant funds if approved and execute contracts with the FTA.
INITIATED BY:	Transportation/METRA

Recommendation: Approval is requested to authorize the Department of Transportation/METRA to apply to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for capital and planning grants in the amount of \$2,811,831 or otherwise awarded. Approval is also requested to authorize the City Manager or Mayor to accept grant funds if approved and execute contracts with the FTA.

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.

	CAPITAL	PLANNING	OPERATING
Federal 5307	80%	80%	0%
State 5307	0%	0%	0%
Local 5307	20%	20%	100%
Federal 5339	80%	0%	0%
State 5339	0%	0%	0%
Local 5339	20%	0%	0%

Analysis:

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

GRANT 5307	CITY/TIA	GDOT	FTA	TOTAL
CAPITAL AND PLANNING	\$438,841	\$0	\$1,755,365	\$2,194,206

GRANT 5307 Lapsing Funds	CITY/TIA	GDOT	FTA	TOTAL
CAPITAL AND PLANNING	\$154,488	\$0	\$617,952	\$772,440

GRANT 5339	CITY/TIA	GDOT	FTA	TOTAL
CAPITAL	\$110,038	\$0	\$438,514	\$548,552
TOTAL	\$703,367	\$0	\$2,811,831	\$3,515,198

Financial Considerations: If the City does not apply for the grants, Columbus would be turning down \$2,811,831 in federal funds to support public transportation in our local community.

Projected Annual Fiscal Impact Statement: The provision of over a 1.3 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 identify the source of any required local matching funds.

Recommendations/ Actions: Authorize a resolution to approve the City to submit an application for capital, planning and operating grants from the Federal Transit Administration in the total amount of \$2,811,831, 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 MAYOR OR CITY MANAGER OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,811,831 OR OTHERWISE AWARDED, FROM THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) ON BEHALF OF THE CITY SHOULD THE APPLICATION RECEIVE APPROVAL.

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 designated the recipient of these transit funds; and,

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

WHEREAS, the City may apply to FTA for an assistance contract covering up to eighty percent (80%) of the eligible planning and capital improvement expenses for the City; and

WHEREAS, such contracts will impose certain obligations upon the City including the provision of the local share of project costs; and

WHEREAS, the local match for these projects will be funded with Transportation Investment Act (TIA) funds; and,

WHEREAS, FY2021 share for these programs as currently projected are:

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WHEREAS, in connection with the filing of an application for assistance under the U.S.C., USDOT requires, in accordance with the provisions of the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that the applicant gives an assurance that will comply with the Title VI and all USDOT requirements thereunder; and,

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the City to utilize disadvantage businesses enterprises (DBEs) to the greatest extent practical in City procurements under this project, and to establish opportunity to compete in City procurement for supplies, equipment, construction, and consultant or other services.

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

(1)

That the Mayor or City Manager is authorized to apply on behalf of the City for FY2021 capital and planning financial assistance;

(2)

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

(3)

That the City gives assurance that, should such contract be executed, it is the intent of the Council to commit its local share of capital, planning, and operating costs under the FY2021 Program of Projects;

(4)

That the Mayor or City Manager is authorized to execute (or to delegate to the Department of Transportation/METRA) and file with such application any assurance or other documents required by USDOT or FTA in connection with the application, including any assurance concerning the purpose of the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964;

(5)

That the Department of Transportation/METRA is authorized to furnish such additional information as may be required in connection with the application, and to requisition federal or state funds to reimburse the City for eligible expenses under any resulting grant contract;

(6)

That the DBE Coordinator, as the DBE Affirmative Action Liaison Officer for the City, is authorized to establish and administer DBE policies in connection with the projects procurement needs.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of _____ 2020 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