

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Apply for Additional Funds from METRA’s FY23 FTA Sec. 5339 Formula Grant
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested for the City Manager to apply and accept a \$331,352 amendment to the FY23 FTA Sec. 5339 Formula Grant and amend the Transportation Fund for the awarded amount. The funds will be used to replace 2 paratransit buses for METRA Transit System’s Dial-A-Ride service and to procure additional bus support amenities.
INITIATED BY:	Department of Transportation / METRA Transit System

Recommendation: Approval is requested for the City Manager to apply and accept a \$331,352 amendment to the FY23 FTA Sec. 5339 Formula Grant and amend the Transportation Fund for the awarded amount. The funds will be used to replace 2 paratransit buses for METRA Transit System’s Dial-A-Ride service and to procure additional bus support amenities.

Background: METRA applies for FTA’s Section 5339 – Buses and Bus Facilities formula grant program annually. This grant requires a 20% local match which is paid for from the Transportation Fund. This request is within the scope of the original Sec. 5339 grant amount allocated by FTA in FY23.

Analysis: If approved, METRA would receive the remaining FY23 Sec. 5339 funds allocated by FTA to procure 2 replacement paratransit buses for METRA Transit System’s Dial-A-Ride service and to procure additional bus support amenities. All buses being replaced have exceeded their useful life.

Financial Considerations: There is a 20% local match required. The required match will be paid out of the Transportation Fund. 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 requested for the City Manager to apply and accept a \$331,352 amendment to the FY23 FTA Sec. 5339 Formula Grant and amend the Transportation Fund for the awarded amount. The funds will be used to replace 2 paratransit buses for METRA Transit System’s Dial-A-Ride service and to procure additional bus support amenities.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY AND ACCEPT A \$331,352 AMENDMENT TO THE FY23 FTA SEC. 5339 FORMULA GRANT AND AMEND THE TRANSPORTATION FUND FOR THE AWARDED AMOUNT. THE FUNDS WILL BE USED TO REPLACE 2 PARATRANSIT BUSES FOR METRA TRANSIT SYSTEM'S DIAL-A-RIDE SERVICE AND TO PROCURE ADDITIONAL BUS SUPPORT AMENITIES.

WHEREAS, METRA applies for FTA’s Section 5339 – Buses and Bus Facilities formula grant program annually with a 20% local match required; and,

WHEREAS, this request is for the City to receive the remaining FTA Sec. 5339 funding allocated by FTA in FY23; and,

WHEREAS, if approved METRA will use these funds to procure 2 replacement paratransit buses and bus support amenities; and,

WHEREAS, the amount requested requires a 20% match of \$82,838 from the City to be paid from the Transportation Fund.

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

The City Manager is authorized to apply and, if awarded, accept a \$331,352 amendment to the FY23 FTA Sec. 5339 Formula Grant and amend the Transportation Fund for the awarded amount.

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

