

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	2021 MPO Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program Grant
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to apply, and if awarded, accept, and amend the Transportation Fund 0751 by the amount awarded up to \$84,800 from the Transportation Alternatives Program administered through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The grant requires a 20% match that would be allocated from Transportation Local Option Sales Tax funds in the amount of \$21,200. The grant funding will be utilized for the for the acquisition and installation of bus stop shelters, benches and garbage cans at METRA bus stop locations.
INITIATED BY:	Department of Transportation

Recommendation: Approval is requested to apply, and if awarded, accept, and amend the Transportation Fund 0751 by the amount awarded up to \$84,800 from the Transportation Alternatives Program administered through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The grant funding will be utilized for the acquisition and installation bus stop shelters, benches and garbage cans at METRA bus stop locations.

Background: The Columbus-Phenix City Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has announced the request for applications for Transportation Alternatives Program funding. The grant requires a 20% match that would be allocated from Transportation Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) funds. The Department of Transportation/METRA would like to apply for \$84,800 in TA Funding, and use \$21,200 in TSPLOST for the acquisition and installation of bus stop shelters, benches and garbage cans at METRA bus stop locations.

Analysis: If awarded, the City could receive up to \$84,800 to provide METRA passengers with bus stop shelters, benches and garbage cans at METRA bus stop locations.

Financial Considerations: \$21,200 in TSPLOST will be used for the required match. Funding is received on a reimbursable basis.

Legal Considerations: The City Attorney will review all grant agreements prior to obtaining the City Manager's signature.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to apply, and if awarded, accept, and amend the Transportation Fund by the amount awarded up to \$84,800 from the Transportation Alternatives Program administered through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT, AND AMEND THE TRANSPORTATION FUND BY THE AMOUNT AWARDED UP TO \$84,800 FROM THE MPO TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Columbus-Phenix City Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has announced the request for applications for Transportation Alternatives Program funding; and,

WHEREAS, if awarded, the funding will be used for the installation of bus stop shelters, benches and garbage cans at METRA bus stop locations.; and,

WHEREAS, the grant requires a 20% match that would be allocated from Transportation Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) funds in the amount of \$21,200.

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

The City Manager is authorized to apply, and if awarded, accept, and amend the Transportation Fund by the amount awarded up to \$84,800 from the MPO Transportation Alternatives Program administered through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

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