
March 18, 2025

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



STAFF

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SUBJECT

First Reading of Ordinance No. 042, 2025, Appropriating Prior Year Reserves and Authorizing Transfers Related to 49 U.S.C. § 5339(b) Program Funding for Accessibility Enhancements to the Transit System.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to support Transfort in enhancing accessibility throughout the Transfort system by:

- Appropriating \$2,411,550 in unanticipated grant revenue awarded to Transfort by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA);
- Transferring \$222,450 from the Community Capital Improvement Program (CCIP) Bus Stop Improvements to the Transit Service Fund where it will serve as local match for federal grant funding; and
- Appropriating a development contribution to construction of \$193,000 from CSU's Alternative Transportation Fee Advisory Board (ATFAB) to serve as local match for federal grant funding.

Transfort secured \$2,411,550 in competitive grant funding from the FTA to enhance accessibility and improve transit infrastructure, ensuring compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) throughout the Transfort system. These improvements align with the City's commitment to providing equitable, accessible, and inclusive transit services for all community members.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

On February 8, 2024, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announced approximately \$390 million in funding through its Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program (49 U.S.C. § 5339(b)), designed to support the rehabilitation and construction of bus-related facilities.

Transfort, in partnership with Colorado State University (CSU), applied for and was awarded \$2,411,550 in Fiscal Year 2024 § 5339(b) funding. This grant requires a local match of \$415,450, which will be met

using \$222,450 of Community Capital Improvement Program (CCIP) Fund for Bus Stop Improvements and \$193,000 provided by CSU's Alternative Transportation Fee Advisory Board (ATFAB).

The awarded and local matching funds will be used to enhance accessibility of the Transfort system and improve transit infrastructure, ensuring enhanced compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Transfort will utilize the award to upgrade concrete pads at existing bus stops, purchase and install amenities, improve the concrete infrastructure at the Downtown Transit Center, and construct new ADA-compliant bus stops to accommodate future transit expansion north.

Transfort also negotiated an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with CSU, in which CSU has agreed to provide the local match for the portion of § 5339(b) funds that have been committed to the improvement of existing bus stops within CSU's jurisdiction as well as the purchase and installation of shelters. This IGA was fully executed on March 2, 2025.

These improvements will help promote social equity by making public transit services more accessible to individuals of all abilities. Additionally, the enhancements align with the City's strategic goals to advance equity, remove systemic barriers, and ensure individuals of all ages and abilities can engage in the community. The project also invests in equitable access to sustainable modes of travel and essential services.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

This Ordinance will 1) appropriate \$2,411,550 in unanticipated federal grant revenue, 2) transfer \$222,450 in CCIP Bus Stop Improvements Funds to the Transit Services Fund to cover a portion of the local match required for this project, and 3) appropriate a development contribution to construction of \$193,000 from CSU's ATFAB to cover CSU's contribution to the local match.

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

None.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

None.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Ordinance for Consideration
2. FY24 FTA Bus and Low- and No-Emission Grant Awards
3. FY24 5339(b) - Accessibility Enhancements Map
4. CSU IGA FY24 5339(b) Local Match