



## CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** 07/14/2022

**REQUESTER:** Taylor Johnson, Transit and Parking Program Manager

**PRESENTER:** Shawn O'Leary, Director of Public Works

**ITEM TITLE:** CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2223-15: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT, EXECUTE, AND FILE ANNUAL NON-COMPETITIVE GRANT APPLICATIONS UNDER 49 U.S.C. §§ 5307 AND 5339 AND ANY CORRESPONDING REQUIRED ASSURANCES OR OTHER SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NORMAN WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO AID IN THE FINANCING OF PUBLIC TRANSIT IN URBANIZED AREAS AND BUS AND BUS FACILITIES PLANNING, CAPITAL, AND/OR ASSISTANCE PROJECTS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SET FORTH AND EXECUTE POLICIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROGRAMMING OF PROJECTS, BUDGETS, AND PROCUREMENT NEEDS.

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### **BACKGROUND:**

The City of Norman is a designated recipient for the following US Department of Transportation (USDOT) federal grant funds under 49 U.S.C.: Public Transit Systems in Urbanized Areas (Section 5307); and Bus and Bus Facilities (Section 5339). The City of Norman must file a grant application with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for these funds and provide the necessary assurances of compliance with federal laws.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Subject to funding from Congress, the FTA annually allocates funds to assist transit agencies in the United States. The City of Norman is the designated recipient of FTA funds for the Norman Urbanized Area but has to submit, execute, and file grants annually to receive the allocated federal funding. In addition, the City of Norman must comply with federal regulations and laws in order to receive the funding.

Through the passage of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), and subsequent funding authorization by Congress, Norman's Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022 apportionment (which the City will use for fiscal year 2023 expenses) for Section 5307 funds is \$2,336,218 (includes unused funds from Ft. Smith AK-OK) and for Section 5339 it is \$191,310. Section 5307 funds

are used on an annual basis for general transit expenses, such as operations, preventive maintenance, accessible paratransit operations, planning activities, and required security projects. Section 5339 funds are generally used for capital activities, such as vehicle replacements, and are paired with local match dollars as they are available.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of Resolution R-2223-15, authorizing the City Manager or his designee to submit, execute, and file grant applications to the FTA during fiscal year 2022-2023 and to set forth and execute policies in connection with the program of projects, budgets, and procurement needs.