

INFORMATION ITEM #7

**Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Transportation Advisory Committee
Action Request**

Meeting Date: March 16, 2023 **Agenda Item Number:** 7

Action Requested: Review of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 Grant Program Fiscal Year 2023 Funding Allocations for the Winston-Salem Urban Area and Amending the Fiscal Year 2020-2029 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) for Operating and Capital Assistance

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION: **Attachments:** Yes No X

Transit systems located in urbanized areas of more than 200,000 in population are eligible to use Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 funds for operating and capital assistance. FTA announced an allocation of **\$6,814,898** for Fiscal Year 2023.

Currently, there are three (3) transit agencies in the MPO eligible to receive 5307 funding based upon data reported to the National Transit Database (NTD). Those agencies are Davidson County Transportation, Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART), and Winston-Salem Transit Authority (WSTA). The number of eligible agencies may increase in future years. Additionally, activities traditionally eligible under the Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) program, which provides for job access for low-income individuals, continue to be an eligible activity for these funds.

Based upon policies adopted by the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO in 2017, funding will be distributed in accordance with the percentages developed by FTA as shown in Table 3A. Based upon percentages in that table it is recommended that Davidson County Transportation (DCTS) receive **\$244,776**, Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART) receive **\$758,596**, Winston-Salem Transit Authority (WSTA) receive **\$5,756,526**, and **\$55,000** be used for traditional 5307-JARC programs.

Each year, MPO staff coordinate a joint allocation meeting with eligible agencies to confirm that the funding identified can be used by the agency. Staff use that information for recommendation to the TAC for final approval and distribution. MPO staff coordinated a meeting with the three transit agencies and all three agreed with the funding recommendations provided. Staff will also recommend approval of an amendment to the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP).

TAC Vote: Motion by: _____ **Second by:** _____

Vote: For _____ **Against** _____

RESOLUTION
APPROVING THE FY 2023 FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA)
FORMULA PROGRAM FISCAL YEAR 2023 SECTION 5307 FUNDING
ALLOCATIONS FOR THE WINSTON-SALEM URBAN AREA AND AMENDING THE
FISCAL YEAR 2020-2029 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM (MTIP) FOR OPERATING AND CAPITAL ASSISTANCE

A motion was made by TAC member _____ and seconded by TAC member _____ for the adoption of the following resolution, and upon being put to a vote was duly adopted.

WHEREAS, transit systems located in urbanized areas of more than 200,000 in population are eligible to use Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Sections 5307 funds for operating and capital assistance (under the Operating Assistance Special Rule); and

WHEREAS, FTA announced that the Winston-Salem Urban Area is eligible to receive a FY 2023 apportionment in the amount of \$6,814,898; and

WHEREAS, there are three (3) transit agencies in the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Plan Organization (WSUAMPO) eligible to receive 5307 funding based upon data reported to the National Transit Database (NTD): Davidson County Transportation (DCT), Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART), and Winston-Salem Transit Authority (WSTA); and

WHEREAS, based upon policies adopted by the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO in 2017, \$55,000 will be distributed to Job Access and Reverse Commute agencies and the balance of funding will be distributed in accordance with the on Attachment developed by FTA in Table 3A and in the amounts as shown in Attachment A; and

WHEREAS, MPO staff coordinated a joint allocation meeting in March 2023, where all eligible agencies confirmed that the funding identified can be used by the agency; and

WHEREAS, per the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Public Participation Plan, these projects were made available for public review for thirty days between April 13, 2023-May 13, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) and State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) must be programmed and amended as per the projects in the attached list.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Transportation Advisory Committee of the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WSUAMPO) adopts the FY 2023 - 5307 funding allocation and distribution as shown in Attachment A for the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO and amends the Fiscal Year 2020-2029 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) for operating and capital assistance.

Adopted on this the 18th day of May, 2023.

Mike Horn, Chairman
Transportation Advisory Committee

Kelly Garvin, Secretary
Transportation Advisory Committee

Attachment A - Section 5307 2023 Funding Distribution - Winston-Salem Urbanized Area

2023

Urbanized Area of Service Provided	Public Transportation System Operator	Apportionment to Urbanized Area	Percent of Apportionment Attributable to Operator minus JARC total of \$55,000	Totals
Winston-Salem, NC	City of Winston Salem	6,814,898	85.157%	\$ 5,756,526
Winston-Salem, NC	Davidson County	6,814,898	3.621%	\$ 244,776
Winston-Salem, NC	Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation	6,814,898	11.222%	\$ 758,596
Winston-Salem, NC	JARC Funds	6,814,898	-	\$ 55,000
				\$ 6,814,898