

INFORMATION ITEM #8

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

Meeting Date: March 16, 2023 **Agenda Item Number:** 8

Action Requested: Review of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Grant Program Funding Allocation for the Winston-Salem Urban Area for Fiscal Year 2023 and Amending the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP)

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

The Federal Transit Administration Section 5339 program is a formula-based grant program to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses and bus facilities. The program provides available federal resources to eligible direct recipients that operate fixed route bus services or that allocate funding to fixed route bus operators. The program originated through the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) which changed the program from discretionary to formula based. Funding is now designated to states and designated recipients in urbanized areas (200,000 people or more). The Winston Salem Urban Area is eligible to receive \$571,757 in FY 2023.

The Winston-Salem Transit Authority (WSTA) is requesting to use the available funds to purchase three (3) TransAid Vans to replace aging fleet and the remaining funds for transit facility rehabilitation projects and capital maintenance.

The public participation period will be held for 30 days between April 13 and May 13, 2023.

In order for WSTA to have these funds available, the steps to follow include approval by the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), programming and amending of the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) and the 2020-2029 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), and submission to FTA.

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

Vote: For _____ **Against** _____

RESOLUTION
APPROVING FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) SECTION 5339 BUS AND BUS FACILITIES GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR THE WINSTON-SALEM URBAN AREA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 AND AMENDING THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (MTIP)

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, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5339 program is a formula based grant program to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses and bus facilities; and

WHEREAS, the program provides available federal resources to eligible direct recipients that operate fixed route bus services or that allocate funding to fixed route bus operators; and

WHEREAS, the Winston-Salem Urban Area is eligible to receive a FY 2023 full apportionment of **\$571,757**; and

WHEREAS, the Winston-Salem Transit Authority (WSTA) has expressed an interest in using the available funds to purchase three (3) TransAid Vans to replace aging fleet and the remaining funds for transit facility rehabilitation projects and capital items; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Public Participation Plan, these projects were made available for public comment for 30 days between April 13 and May 13, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Transportation Advisory Committee of the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) adopts the FY 2023-5339 funding allocation for the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO and amends the Winston-Salem Urban Area Fiscal Year 2020-2029 MTIP to program **\$571,757** for the Winston-Salem Transit Authority vehicle purchases, the transit facility rehabilitation and capital maintenance.

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

Mike Horn, Chairman
Transportation Advisory Committee

Kelly Garvin, Secretary
Transportation Advisory Committee