



Legislation Text

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TO: Mayor and Members of City Council

THRU: Douglas J. Hewett, ICMA-CM, City Manager

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DATE: September 11, 2023

RE:
Adoption of Capital Project Ordinance Amendment 2024-3 and Budget Ordinance Amendment 2024-? to Appropriate Federal Transit Administration Grant NC-2023-051-00 for Transit Capital and Planning Projects

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S):
All

Relationship To Strategic Plan:

Goal 4: Desirable Place to Live, Work and Recreate

Objective 4.1: Maintain public transportation investments with high quality transit and airport services

Executive Summary:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has awarded grant NC-2023-051-00 to the City for public transit projects.

Capital Project Ordinance Amendment (CPOA) 2024-3 will appropriate \$125,269 for the grant's capital project purchase of one of three diesel replacement buses. The funding sources for this appropriation included \$100,215 of federal grant funding and a \$25,054 local match.

Background:

FTA provides federal grant funding for eligible public transportation projects. The Fayetteville urbanized area is annually apportioned FTA formula funding under FTA's Section 5307 Urban Formula Program. Competitive grants follow an application and selection process. Once a project is selected, staff must submit a formal application within the FTA grants management system to access and receive these funds. That application describes the specific projects the City intends to complete with the grant funding. Typically, the City uses a significant portion of its FTA formula funding to support Transit's operating budget in the form of preventative maintenance reimbursement, ADA paratransit reimbursement, and operating assistance.

FTA has awarded grant NC-2023-051-00 to the City for public transit projects. The funding is to supplement previous grant funded bus replacements to cover unexpected high costs.

The capital portion of this grant provides \$100,215 in FTA grant funding for the purchase of one (1) of three (3) buses that will be 30 ft low-floor clean diesel vehicles that will replace two high-floor light duty vehicles and one 35 ft diesel bus. The smaller heavy duty low-floor buses with wheelchair ramps will improve ride quality, accessibility and safety as compared to the light-duty buses that still use lifts.

The total capital match for the FTA funding is \$25,054 the City will provide with a transfer from the Transit Operating Fund.

Issues/Analysis:

None

Budget Impact:

The required local match of \$25,054 needs to be included in FY2024 budget.

Options:

1. CPOA 2024-3 and BOA 2024-? as presented to move forward with the planned capital and planning projects; or
2. Do not adopt CPOA 2024-3 and BOA 2024-? and provide further direction to staff.

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends that Council move to adopt CPOA 2024-3 as presented to move forward with the planned capital and planning projects.

Attachments:

- FTA Grant NC-2023-051-00
- Budget Ordinance Amendment 2024-?
- Capital Project Ordinance 2024-3