

ACTION ITEM #6

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

Meeting Date: March 18, 2021 **Agenda Item Number:** 6

Action Requested:

1. Review of a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Formula Program Section 5307 Funding Allocations for Winston Salem Urban Area for Fiscal Year 2021
2. The Program of Projects (POP)
3. Amendments to the 2020-2029 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP)

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) Sections 5307 funds for operating and capital assistance. The Winston-Salem Urban Area received **\$5,218,153** in FY 2021.

There currently are three (3) transit agencies in the MPO eligible to receive 5307 funding based upon data reported to the National Transit Database (NTD): Davidson County Transportation, Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART), and Winston-Salem Transit Authority (WSTA). 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 is distributed in accordance with the percentages developed by FTA in Table 3A (attached). Based upon percentages in that table it is recommended that Davidson County Transportation (DCT) receive \$186,957, Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART) receive \$579,407, Winston-Salem Transit Authority (WSTA) receive \$4,443,605, and \$55,000 be used for traditional JARC programs.

In accordance with federal standards, the Program of Projects (POP) outlines how each of the transit authorities will use these funds and public participation requirements. The public participation period was held for 30 days between February 15 and March 17, 2021. The Public Hearing is scheduled to occur at the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting on March 18, 2021 to provide maximum opportunities for public engagement and feedback.

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

Vote: For _____ **Against** _____

In order for any of these agencies to receive the Section 5307 funds, the 2020-2029 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) must be amended to include operating and capital assistance for each agency funded from 5307 funds totaling **\$5,218,153**. Once the allocation of funding is approved by the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), programmed and amended in the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) then amended in the 2020-2029 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), applications will be submitted to FTA. The City of Winston-Salem must also execute a Split Letter with PART to receive these funds.

RESOLUTION
APPROVING THE FY 2021 FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) FORMULA PROGRAM SECTION 5307 FUNDING ALLOCATIONS FOR THE WINSTON-SALEM URBAN AREA, THE PROGRAM OF PROJECTS (POP) 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 has announced that the Winston-Salem Urban Area is eligible to receive a FY 2021 apportionment in the amount of \$5,218,153; 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 JARC agencies and the balance of funding will be distributed in accordance with the percentages developed by FTA in Table 3A; and

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

WHEREAS, in accordance with federal standards the Program of Projects (POP) is required and outlines how these funds will be used by each of the transit authorities; and

WHEREAS, per the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Public Participation Plan, these projects was made available for public comment for 30 days between February 15 and March 17, 2021; and a public hearing was held on March 18, 2021;

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 2021 - 5307 funding allocation and distribution 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, 2021.

Mike Horn, Chairman
Transportation Advisory Committee

Kirk E. Ericson, Secretary
Transportation Advisory Committee