

# **ACTION ITEM #7**

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

**Meeting Date:** March 18, 2021      **Agenda Item Number:** 7

**Action Requested:**

1. 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 2021;
2. The Program of Projects (POP); and
3. Amendment to the 2020-2029 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 \$580,567 in FY 2021.

The Winston-Salem Transit Authority (WSTA) is requesting to use the available funds to purchase four (4) TransAid Vans and one (1) Support Vehicle to replace aging fleet and the remaining funds for transit facility rehabilitation projects and capital maintenance.

In accordance with federal standards, the Program of Projects (POP) outlines how WSTA 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.

In order for WSTA to have these funds available, the following steps must be followed to 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 THE FY 2021 FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) BUS**  
**AND BUS FACILITIES GRANT PROGRAM, SECTION 5339**  
**FOR THE WINSTON-SALEM URBAN AREA,**  
**FOR THE PROGRAM OF PROJECTS (POP) AND AMENDING THE WINSTON-**  
**SALEM URBAN AREA FISCAL YEAR 2020-2029 METROPOLITAN**  
**TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (MTIP)**  
**FOR BUS AND BUS FACILITIES REHABILITATION FOR THE WINSTON-SALEM**  
**TRANSIT AUTHORITY (WSTA)**

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 2021 full apportionment of **\$580,567**; and

**WHEREAS**, the Winston-Salem Transit Authority (WSTA) has expressed an interest in using the available funds to purchase four (4) TransAid Vans and one (1) Support Vehicle to replace aging fleet and the remaining funds for transit facility rehabilitation projects; 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**, 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 February 15 and March 17, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was held on March 18, 2021.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Transportation Advisory Committee of the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) adopts the FY 2021-5339 funding allocation for the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO and amends the Winston-Salem Urban Area Fiscal Year 2020-2029 MTIP to program **\$725709** for WSTA vehicle purchases and for the transit facility rehabilitation.

Adopted on this the 18th day of March 2021.

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Mike Horn, Chairman  
Transportation Advisory Committee

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Kirk E. Ericson, Secretary  
Transportation Advisory Committee