

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

Meeting Date: May 20, 2021 **Agenda Item Number:** 9

Action Requested: Review of a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) Allocations for Winston-Salem Urban Area and Plans to Amend the Fiscal Year 2020-2029 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP).

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

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP), which President Biden signed on March 11, 2021 includes \$30.5 billion in federal funding to support the nation’s public transportation systems as they continue to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and support the President’s call to vaccinate the US population. For urbanized areas with 200,000 in population and over, funds are apportioned and flow directly to a designated recipient selected locally to apply for and receive Federal funds. The Winston-Salem Urban Area has \$11,269,168 in Section 5307 and \$63,477 in Section 5310 funds available.

Eligible activities include: planning, engineering, design and evaluation of transit projects and other technical transportation-related studies; capital investments in bus and bus-related activities such as replacement, overhaul and rebuilding of buses, crime prevention and security equipment and construction of maintenance and passenger facilities; and capital investments in new and existing fixed guideway systems including rolling stock, overhaul and rebuilding of vehicles, track, signals, communications, and computer hardware and software. In addition, associated transit improvements and certain expenses associated with mobility management programs are eligible under the program. All preventive maintenance and some Americans with Disabilities Act complementary paratransit service costs are considered capital costs.

Based upon policies adopted by the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO in 2017, Section 5307 funding will be distributed in accordance with the percentages developed by FTA (FY 2019 percentages were used) and a portion will be allocated for agencies providing JARC services. Approximately 1.02% or \$115,076 will be used for allocation to JARC agencies. The balance will be allocated to the three (3) transit agencies in the WSUAMPO eligible to receive ARP 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).

Funds are recommended to be distributed as shown on the table below:

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

Vote: For _____ **Against** _____

Agency	Total Funds minus JARC allocation	Percent	Recommended Allocation
Winston-Salem Transit Authority	\$11,154,092	0.81	\$ 9,034,815
Davidson County	\$11,154,092	0.07	\$ 780,786
Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation	\$11,154,092	0.12	\$ 1,338,491
Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC)	\$115,076		\$115,076

Each year, MPO staff shall coordinate a joint allocation meeting with eligible agencies to confirm that the funding identified can be used by the agency and staff will use that information for recommendation to the TAC for final approval and distribution.

Section 5310 funding will be distributed in accordance with the competitive processes established for those funds.

RESOLUTION
APPROVING THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 (ARP) ALLOCATIONS FOR THE WINSTON-SALEM URBAN AREA AND PLANS TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2029 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 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP), which President Biden signed on March 11, 2021 includes \$30.5 billion in federal funding to support the nation’s public transportation systems as they continue to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and support the President’s call to vaccinate the US population; and

WHEREAS, for urbanized areas with 200,000 in population and over, funds are apportioned and flow directly to a designated recipient selected locally to apply for and receive Federal funds

WHEREAS, FTA has announced that the Winston-Salem Urban Area is eligible to receive a FY 2021 apportionment in the amount of \$11,269,168 in Section 5307 funds; and

WHEREAS, approximately 1.02% or \$115,076 will be used for allocation to JARC agencies; and

WHEREAS, the balance will be allocated to the 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, funding will be distributed in accordance with the percentages developed by FTA in Table 3A for FY 2019; and

WHEREAS, MPO staff coordinated a joint allocation meeting in May, 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 May and July; and a public hearing held at the TAC meeting July 22, 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 22nd day of July, 2021.

Mike Horn, Chairman
Transportation Advisory Committee

Kirk E. Ericson, Secretary
Transportation Advisory Committee