



City of Winston-Salem City Council
Council Agenda Item Summary

Title	Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget Ordinances for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina
City Council Committee	Finance Committee
Staff Lead (Presenter)	Scott Tesh, Budget and Performance Management Director
Department Head	Scott Tesh, Budget and Performance Management Director
City Manager/ACM	W. Patrick Pate, City Manager

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Recommended Council Action Ordinance Approval
Suggested Motion Options Approve

Strategic Focus Area Good Government
Strategic Plan Objective GG1: Delivering Efficient and Effective Core Services

Anticipated Fiscal Impact Fiscal Impact Anticipated: See Analysis in Summary

Summary of Information

The proposed amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget ordinance authorizes adjustments for the following purposes.

Appropriation of Grants and Other Revenues Received

- Each year the Winston-Salem Area Transportation Planning Organization (WSATPO) is required to develop and approve a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The UPWP identifies what transportation planning projects will be completed during the fiscal year and the amount of federal and State highway and transit planning funds that will be used to complete the work, plus the required state and local matches. This proposed amendment allocates \$96,000 in Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant – Direct Attributable (STBG-DA) funds that were not distributed during the original budget process. These funds require a 20% local match (\$24,000), which will be provided from existing appropriations in the general fund, for a total allocation of \$120,000.

- The City has received a Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Grant in the total amount of \$640,000 for the installation of wayfinding signage along the City's greenway network. The FY 25 budget included an appropriation of \$630,000 for the project, and the proposed amendment appropriates an additional \$8,000 in federal grant funds for the project. The additional local match of \$2,000 will come from the remaining balance of previously completed transportation project.

Transition from Equipment Leasing and Cash Payoff of Equipment

- As part of the FY 2025-26 budget, the Mayor and City Council approved the use of \$50 million in debt service fund balance to pay off outstanding debt and provide cash purchases for vehicles and equipment that would have required additional debt issuances. The attached amendments in the AATLO and PBO recognize the appropriate fund-level accounting for the use of the \$50 million dollars. The adopted budget showed a transfer of \$50 million to the leasing fund, whereas this amendment moves approximately \$28 million dollars between ten other operating and capital funds to correctly account for vehicle acquisition and debt service payments. The amendment also recognizes the use of Powell Bill funds to finance certain Streets Division vehicles whose lease payments would have been covered with Powell Bill funding over the course of several years if the leasing program had continued.

With this amendment and the payoff of existing debt, the City should be able to eliminate leasing fund activities after the fiscal year has ended.

Analysis of Fiscal Impact

The attached Council item amends the FY 2025-26 adopted budget for the specific uses and amounts as described above. No significant future operating or capital budget impacts are anticipated from these budget adjustments.

Attachments

- PBO/AATLO

Committee Action	COTW 11/12/2025
For:	Against:
Remarks: Approved Unanimously	