

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION WITH THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FOR FUNDING THROUGH A COMPETITIVE GRANT FOR BUS PURCHASES FOR THE WSTA TRANSIT SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has announced funding opportunities for a grant which the Department of Transportation (DOT) and Winston-Salem Transit Authority (WSTA) are requesting authorization to pursue; and

WHEREAS, this application is for the competitive Bus and Bus Facilities grant, funded in conjunction with the Low-No Emissions grant; and

WHEREAS, the DOT and WSTA intend to pursue the Bus and Bus Facilities Grant to fund diesel-electric hybrid fixed-route buses; and

WHEREAS, the existing Long Branch Trail extends through the Innovation Quarter and connects with the Salem Creek Greenway, providing a multimodal transportation option that is part of a 25-mile network of trails; and

WHEREAS, the application will address FTA's program priorities which include renewing transit systems, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, advancing racial equity, maintaining and creating good-paying jobs, and connecting communities; and

WHEREAS, the DOT and WSTA will apply for a total grant amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 with a local match not to exceed \$1,000,000.

WHEREAS, the match for the actual grant, if awarded would come from existing WSTA Capital projects funds already budgeted.

Winston-Salem City Council
APPROVED
March 20, 2023

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Winston-Salem hereby authorize an application with the Federal Transit Administration for funding for buses purchases for WSTA transit services.