

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: January 2, 2019

To: The City Manager

From: Patrice Toney, Budget and Evaluation Director
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Council Action Requested:
Consideration of Amendments to the FY 2018-19 Budget Ordinances for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Strategic Focus Area: Service Excellence
Strategic Objective: Maintain City's Financial Strength
Strategic Plan Action Item: No
Key Work Item: No



Summary of Information:

The proposed amendments to the FY 2018-19 budget ordinances authorize adjustments for the following purposes.

Appropriation of Grants and Other Revenues Received

- The proposed amendment appropriates \$44,720 in contributions from businesses and individuals received during the fiscal year to support the Recreation and Parks Department's programs and centers.
- The City of Winston-Salem previously received a partial allocation of Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Funds from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for fiscal year 2017. The total allocation for FY 2017 is \$353,100, of which \$198,610 was previously received. The proposed amendment appropriates the remaining portion of the allocation, or \$154,490.

Committee Action:

Committee	Finance 1/14/19	Action	Approval
For	Unanimous	Against	
Remarks:			

- The Winston-Salem Urban Area, a designated recipient of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 funds, applied for the remaining balance of the FY 2013 Section 5307 funds. The proposed budget amendment appropriates \$3,041,870 in lapsing Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 capital funds and a 20% local match from the Winston-Salem Transit Authority Fund in the amount of \$760,470. The funds will be used for capital improvements including the purchase of bus 2-way radio system, shop tools, bus engines, transmissions, administrative building signage, a bus wash system, and additional capital related items.
- In June 2012, the Mayor and City Council approved a resolution approving an agreement with Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools to share the City fiber data network. The cost sharing arrangement for the initial construction would be proportionally distributed based upon the number of connection points built into the fiber system. The initial project budget included an estimated contribution of \$359,690 from the school system. Based on the number of connections and the final cost of construction, the school system's share is \$423,210. The proposed amendment appropriates the additional \$63,520 in revenue from the school system.

Bethabara Road Infrastructure Improvement Project

- Failing and eroded streambanks are undermining the roadside shoulder within the public right of way of Bethabara Road. There is currently not a safe recovery area or guardrail to protect vehicles that leave the road, increasing the risk for serious injury or death in the event of an accident. The proposed amendment appropriates \$885,000 from existing Stormwater Management Capital Projects funds for design and construction of these emergency repairs.

Macon Drive Drainage Improvement Project

- A failed stormwater culvert beneath Macon Drive between University Parkway and Wake Place Court is undermining the paved travel way and in need of replacement. The work includes removal and replacement of the existing stormwater pipe and appurtenances within the public right-of-way and within the acquired easements. The project also entails the restoration of other affected public infrastructure features such as pavement, utilities, pavement markings and signage, etc. The proposed amendment appropriates \$567,000 from existing Stormwater Management Capital Projects funds for design and construction these emergency repairs.

Concrete Repairs at BB&T Ballpark

- A stadium assessment at BB&T Ballpark has recommended repairs to address leaks in the Concourse due to failing expansion joints and settling. The failures have created concrete spalls in various locations and leaks that are entering through the concourse's failed expansion joints. The leaks have led to severe tile damage in the umpire's bathroom. The assessment also identified drainage issues in various locations and multiple paint failures that have left steel structures exposed to the elements. The proposed amendment transfers \$100,000 from the baseball stadium debt reserve for these repairs.