

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: June 11, 2018

To: The City Manager

From: Gregory M. Turner, Assistant City Manager
Toneq' McCullough, Director of Transportation

Council Action Requested:

Request to Apply for the Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning – Section 20005b Funding through the Federal Transit Administration to support the North-South Streetcar Route.

Strategic Focus Area: Economic Vitality and Diversity

Strategic Objective: No

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: No



Summary of Information:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announced a funding opportunity called the Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning which staff believes can be used to support the North-South Streetcar project planning. In March, 2018 the city contributed \$50,000 to assist in funding a feasibility study of the north-south streetcar route. This funding can support further studies along the corridor.

The announcement states: “The Pilot Program for TOD Planning helps support FTA’s mission of improving public transportation for America’s communities by providing funding to local communities to integrate land use and transportation planning with a new fixed guideway or core capacity transit capital investment. Comprehensive planning funded through the program must examine ways to improve economic development and ridership, foster multimodal connectivity and accessibility, improve transit access for pedestrian and bicycle traffic, engage the private sector, identify infrastructure needs, and enable mixed-use development near transit stations.” \$25.79 Million in Pilot funding is available. Applications are due July 23, 2018 and the funding awards may range between \$250,000 and \$2,000,000. Federal fund awards typically require a 20% match, however if the city is able to secure a much higher match, the application may be viewed more favorably.

Committee Action:

Committee	<u>Finance 6/11/18</u>	Action	<u>Approval</u>
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Remarks:

Staff is seeking Council approval to proceed with the application to FTA and to use future funds as for the match of \$500,000 if the grant is awarded. A copy of FTA's Notice of Funding is attached for information.