

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

Meeting Date: September 21, 2017 **Agenda Item Number:** 4

Action Requested: Consideration of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Bus and Bus Facilities grant program, FY16 and FY17 Section 5339 for the Winston Salem Urban Area.

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

FTA Section 5339 is a formula based grant program to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses and bus facilities. The program provides available federal resources to eligible direct recipients that operate fixed route bus services or that allocate funding to fixed route bus operators. The program originated through the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) which changed the program from discretionary to formula based. Funding is now designated to states and designated recipients in urbanized areas (200,000 people or more). The Winston Salem Urban Area is eligible to receive a FY 2016 apportionment of **\$397,880** and a FY 2017 apportionment of **\$410,820**.

The Winston-Salem Transit Authority (WSTA) has expressed an interest in using the available funds to purchase the following items to further enhance operations of the paratransit demand service for elderly and disabled passengers: five (5) new TransAid vans to replace aging fleet; bus camera upgrades to twenty (20) current TransAid vans; and an Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System that provides call back services for the Transit Call Center.

The FY 2018-2027 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) must be amended to include a total of **\$808,700** in FTA Section 5339 funds and **\$202,175** in local funds for the required 20% match with a the grand total of **\$1,010,875** for WSTA to implement the program for the aforementioned projects.

Winston-Salem Urban Area Public Transportation Program Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2018-2027 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

STIP #	TRANSIT PARTNER	DESCRIPTION	MATCH	FUND	FY18 (000)
TBA	Winston Salem Transit	BUS AND BUS FACILITIES - EXPANSION VEHICLES	FBUS	5339	809
			Local	L	202

**RESOLUTION
APPROVING THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) PROGRAM
FY16 AND FY17 SECTION 5339 FUNDING ALLOCATIONS
FOR THE WINSTON-SALEM URBAN AREA**

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, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5339 is a formula based grant program to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses and bus facilities; and

WHEREAS, the program provides available federal resources to eligible direct recipients that operate fixed route bus services or that allocate funding to fixed route bus operators; and

WHEREAS, the Winston Salem Urban Area is eligible to receive a FY 2016 apportionment of **\$397,880** and a FY 2017 apportionment of **\$410,820**; and

WHEREAS, the Winston-Salem Transit Authority (WSTA) will use the available funds to further enhance operations of the paratransit demand service for elderly and disabled passengers; and

WHEREAS, the WSTA intends to purchase five (5) new TransAid vans to replace aging fleet, bus camera upgrades to twenty (20) current TransAid vans, and an Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System that provides call back services for the Transit Call Center; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2018-2027 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) will be amended to include a total of **\$808,700** in FTA Section 5339 funds and **\$202,175** in local funds for the required 20% match with a the grand total of **\$1,010,875** for WSTA to implement the program for the aforementioned projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Transportation Advisory Committee of the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) approves the FY16 and FY17 5339 funding allocations for the Winston Salem Transit Authority (WSTA).

Adopted on this the 21st day of September, 2017.

Larry T. Williams, Chairman
Transportation Advisory Committee

Margaret C. Bessette, Secretary
Transportation Advisory Committee

