

**CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**



Agenda Date:	June 20, 2023
Action Required:	Approve the appropriation
Presenter:	Garland Williams, Director of Transit
Staff Contacts:	Garland Williams, Director of Transit
Title:	Appropriating supplemental Federal Transit Administration and State Capital Funding - \$7,323,087 (2nd reading)

Background

Capital Funding - \$7,323,087: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (VDRPT) have awarded the Transit Division of the City of Charlottesville federal and state assistance to support Capital Projects in the operations of public transit services. The Capital Projects include the purchase of an Entry/Exit Gate, Inventory Management Software, Pre-Trip Management Software, Building/Facilities Camera System, two Support Vehicles, Passenger Amenity Improvements, and five buses (one 26-foot and four 35-foot).

Additionally, the funding will support the purchase of A/E (Architectural/Engineering) and NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) services for the Alternative Fueling Modifications to the Operations Annex Facility and renovations/modifications to the Administration Building. This Capital Funding also includes funding for the Albemarle County Transit Expansion Project (Micro-Transit). The Transit Division has sufficient funds in the budget for the required match of these procurements due to an unallocated balance held in CIP. The local match requirement for the Micro-Transit project will be funded by Albemarle County (\$388,000).

Appropriation of Funds: Capital - \$7,323,087: The FTA has awarded \$1,433,959; VDRPT has awarded \$5,212,499, with a local match of \$676,629.

Transit Grants by Type	FY2023 Budget	Grants Awarded	Change to Appropriation
State Capital Award	\$ -	\$ 5,212,499	\$ 5,212,499
Federal Capital Award	\$ -	\$ 1,433,959	\$ 1,433,959
Local CIP Match (unallocated)	\$ 103,407	\$ 288,629	\$ 185,222

Local County Match	\$ -	\$ 388,000	\$ 388,000
Total Capital Change	\$ -	\$ 7,323,087	\$ 7,323,087
Total Appropriation Request			\$ 7,323,087

Discussion

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan

Approval of this agenda item aligns directly with City Council's vision for Charlottesville as a Connected Community, where the City is part of a comprehensive transportation system that enables citizens of all ages and incomes to easily navigate our community. It also aligns with Strategic Plan Goal 3: A Beautiful and Sustainable Natural and Built Environment, Objective 3.3: Provide a variety of transportation and mobility options.

Community Engagement

Charlottesville Area Transit utilizes the Metropolitan Planning Organization's Public Participation Plan to fulfill its public engagement requirements. This includes an opportunity for members of the public to request a public hearing on Charlottesville Area Transit's Program of Projects. No public hearing was requested through those means. However, due to the amount of change to the Charlottesville Area Transit budget, a public hearing is required prior to appropriation.

Budgetary Impact

There is no impact to the General Fund. Local match requirements for the Capital Assistance is covered through the previously appropriated City contribution from the General Fund and Albemarle County's contribution. Local capital contributions are required in the amount of \$676,629. Matching requirements for these funds are 4% percent, except for the Micro-Transit project whereby Albemarle County is contributing 20%. The Transit division has sufficient funds in the unallocated CIP budget to accommodate the 4% match requirement without additional City funding.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval and appropriation of funds.

Alternatives

City Council may choose not to appropriate the match funds. Without this appropriation, CAT will not be able accept the federal capital funding as the local match is required for this Federal funding award.

Attachments

1. Resolution_CAT FY2023 Supplemental Appropriation of Federal Funding - Capital (May 1 2023)