



Finance & Administration Committee

Information Item II-A

March 27, 2014

Authority to Apply for Federal Resiliency Grant

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Board Action/Information Summary

Action Information

MEAD Number:
200714

Resolution:
 Yes No

TITLE:

Authority to Apply for Federal Resiliency Grant

PRESENTATION SUMMARY:

Metro is planning to apply for resiliency funding under the new \$3 billion FTA competitive grant program for the Public Transportation Emergency Relief Program and the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013. Metro staff is preparing and reviewing the application package with the intent to apply for the FTA grant by the March 28, 2014 deadline.

PURPOSE:

To authorize the GM/CEO to file an application for FTA's competitive grant opportunity for resiliency projects under the Public Transportation Emergency Relief Program and the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013.

DESCRIPTION:

Key Highlights:

- The FTA has made available grant funding on a matching basis for resiliency projects under the Public Transportation and Emergency Relief Program and Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013.
- Metro has identified several unfunded storm readiness projects that will reduce the risk to Metro assets during natural disasters and will seek FTA funding of these projects.

Background and History:

The FTA has made available grant funding on a matching basis for resiliency projects under the Public Transportation and Emergency Relief Program and Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013. The Deadline to submit an application for these grants is March 28, 2014.

Discussion:

Through Momentum, Metro has identified several storm readiness projects that will reduce the risk to Metro assets during natural disasters. The projects will allow Metro to:

- Raise 10 shaft elevations to address regional flooding;
- Develop a flood emergency response plan in response to regional flooding

- concerns;
- Develop a computer model of how the system would be impacted by major floods
 - Design and construct flood prevention measures at 20 locations;
 - Improve and harden the Greenbelt yard flood wall to 500-year flood plain standards; and
 - Research, design, construct and install backflow preventers at 58 pumping stations and 75 sewage ejectors.

Board authorization is required to apply for this grant program because the projects planned for the grant application are unfunded and are not part of the currently approved Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

Metro staff is preparing and reviewing the application package with the intent to apply for the FTA grant by the March 28, 2014 deadline.

If the application is successful and Metro receives federal grant funding for the projects, the GM/CEO will return to the Board to update the capital budget and CIP. Metro will use future jurisdictional funding to provide the match to the federal awards, consistent with the terms of the Capital Funding Agreement.

FUNDING IMPACT:

There is no direct funding impact as a result of this Board item. If Metro's application is successful and the projects receive grant funding, the GM/CEO will return to the Board to update the capital budget and CIP.

TIMELINE:

Previous Actions	FTA Notice of Funding Availability for Resilience Projects in Response to Hurricane Sandy (December 26, 2013)
Anticipated actions after presentation	Submission of Grant Application (March 28, 2014)

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the GM/CEO to file an application for FTA's competitive grant opportunity for resilience projects under the Public Transportation Emergency Relief Program and the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013.



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Federal Funding Opportunity for Public Transportation Resilience Projects

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Federal Grant Funding Opportunity for Public Transportation Resilience Projects

- Approximately \$3 billion of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds are available under the Public Transportation Emergency Relief Program and the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013 for entities impacted by Hurricane Sandy
- Funding is available for resilience projects that will be designed and built to address current and future vulnerabilities due to future occurrence or recurrence of emergencies or major disasters
- Applications for this competitive grant program must be submitted to FTA by March 28, 2014
- Board authorization is required to apply for such a grant because the projects planned for the grant application are unfunded and are not part of the currently approved Capital Improvement Program,



Potential Resilience Projects

- Raise 10 shaft elevations to address regional flooding
- Develop a flood emergency response plan in response to regional flooding concerns
- Develop a computer model of how the system would be impacted by major floods
- Design and construct flood prevention measures at 20 locations
- Improve and harden the Greenbelt yard flood wall to 500-year flood plain standards
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Recommendation

Authorize the General Manager & Chief Executive Officer to file an application for FTA's competitive grant opportunity for resilience projects under the Public Transportation Emergency Relief Program and the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013

SUBJECT: AUTHORITY TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL EMERGENCY AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS GRANT

RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has made available grant funding on a matching basis for resiliency projects (projects designed to make public transportation more resilient in cases of emergencies, disasters or climate change) under the Public Transportation Emergency Relief Program and Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013; and

WHEREAS, The deadline to submit an application for these funds is March 28, 2014; and

WHEREAS, The projects WMATA plans to include in this grant application are unfunded and are not part of the currently approved Capital Improvement Program (CIP); and

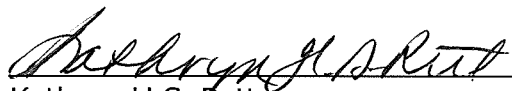
WHEREAS, The Board of Directors approval to apply for such a grant is required under Resolution No. 2011-30; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors authorizes the General Manager/Chief Executive Officer (GM/CEO) to file this application with the FTA; and be it further

RESOLVED, That if WMATA's projects are selected for funding, the GM/CEO will return to the Board of Directors to update the CIP and Capital budget; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,



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