

SUBJECT: NEW FEDERAL DISCRETIONARY GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

2010-30

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

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Transportation and the Federal Transit Administration recently announced availability of funding for multiple discretionary grant opportunities to further federal goals including: Breaking our dependence on oil; bus state of good repair; infrastructure asset management systems; and innovative energy efficiency or greenhouse gas emission reduction; and

WHEREAS, Metro views these grant programs as opportunities to leverage local funding with new federal awards, to accelerate needed programs, and to advance unfunded initiatives, which largely focus on state of good repair needs; and

WHEREAS, At the time of application, federal evaluators require demonstrated commitment and availability of local matching funds, and staff recommends that the local match requirements be met from uncommitted local Metro Matters funds remaining available after the program is reconciled in October 2010; and

WHEREAS, The Metro Matters Funding Agreement (MMFA) provides that uncommitted funds remaining at the end of the MMFA will first be spent on unfunded priorities and then credited or refunded as directed by the contributing jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, Application deadlines for these opportunities begin June 14, 2010; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors authorizes staff to compete for these new discretionary funding opportunities to the extent that funds are available for the required local matches from uncommitted local Metro Matters Funds and subject to the appropriate approvals from the Metro contributing jurisdictions; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,



Carol B. O'Keeffe
General Counsel

Motioned by Mrs. Hudgins, seconded by Ms. Hewlett

Ayes: 6 - Mr. Benjamin, Mrs. Hudgins, Mr. Downey, Ms. Hewlett, Mr. Zimmerman and Mr. Graham