

## Consent Item (B) 07-23-2023

### Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board Action/Information Summary

☒ Action ☐ Information

Document  
Number:  
205567

Resolution:  
☒ Yes ☐ No

#### Presentation Name:

FTA 5399 Discretionary Grant for Battery Electric Bus Improvements

#### Project Manager:

Patrick Bailey

#### Project Department:

Finance

#### Purpose/Key Highlights:

Staff is seeking approval to accept a \$104 million Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5339 discretionary grant award and execute the programs in accordance with the terms and conditions of the grant agreement. This action advances our Strategic Transformation Plan goals of **service excellence and sustainability**.

#### Interested Parties:

There are no interested parties to this matter.

#### Background:

In accordance with Resolution 2021-32, which authorizes the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer to apply for and accept federal assistance, on April 13, 2023, Metro submitted a proposal for an FTA discretionary grant opportunity for the 5339 Low or No Emission Vehicle Program. The grant application requested \$268 million to make improvements at the Cinder Bed Bus Garage to support electric bus operations and to fund the procurement of 100 Battery Electric Buses for use throughout the system. On June 26, 2023, the FTA awarded Metro a \$104 million grant.

#### Discussion:

Acceptance of this grant demonstrates Metro's commitment to fulfilling its Zero Emission Bus transition plan and highlights WMATA's collaboration with jurisdictional partners to bring electric bus service to the region.

The cost to complete the two projects is estimated at \$268 million and includes the required allocation of five percent or \$13.5 million toward workforce development activities to assist the workforce in transitioning to electric bus operations. The total local match contribution toward the two projects is approximately \$164.4 million.

Upon notification of the selected award, Metro has pre-award authority to proceed in accordance with FTA Circular 5010.1E and has satisfied the required prerequisites. Metro staff has confirmed the projects may proceed under pre-award authority to begin design at the Cinder Bed garage and procurement of buses.

Board Resolution 2011-30, Attachment B, requires Board of Directors' approval when accepting a non-annual state or federal grant with match requirements.

**Funding Impact:**

No funding impact is anticipated. Staff has determined that sufficient local funding exists in the FY2024-2029 Six-Year Capital Improvement Program to match the \$104 million of federal grant funds to fully fund the projects at \$268 million as originally submitted.

**Previous Actions:**

No previous actions

**Next Steps:**

There are no next steps.

**Recommendation:**

Approval to: Accept the \$104 million FTA 5339 discretionary grant award and execute the programs in accordance with the terms and conditions of the grant

**Presented and Adopted: July 28, 2023**

SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO ACCEPT \$104 MILLION FTA GRANT FOR BATTERY  
ELECTRIC BUS IMPROVEMENTS AT CINDER BED BUS GARAGE AND TO  
PURCHASE 100 BATTERY ELECTRIC BUSES

**2023-26**

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

WHEREAS, Resolution 2011-30 requires Board of Directors' approval to accept a non-annual state or federal grant with matching funds requirements; and

WHEREAS, WMATA desires to accept a grant from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in the amount of \$104 million under the Federal Fiscal Year 2023 Low or No Emission Vehicle Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, WMATA desires to use these funds toward two projects costing approximately \$268 million to improve the Cinder Bed Bus Garage to support battery electric buses and to purchase up to 100 battery electric buses; and

WHEREAS, Staff has determined that there are sufficient funds in the existing Fiscal Year 2024-2029 Capital Improvement Program to provide the funds necessary to complete both projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

*RESOLVED*, That the Board of Directors authorizes the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer or his designee to execute a grant with the FTA in the amount of \$104 million to support battery electric bus improvements at the Cinder Bed Bus Garage and to purchase up to 100 battery electric buses; and be it finally

**Motioned by Mr. McAndrew, seconded by Ms. Rai**

**Ayes: 8- Mr. Aguirre, Mr. McAndrew, Dr. Hadden Loh, Ms. Rai, Mr. Alcorn, Mr. Drummer, Ms. Worth and Ms. Martin-Proctor**

*RESOLVED*, To accept the \$104 million FTA grant in a timely manner, this Resolution shall be effective immediately

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency



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Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer  
and General Counsel

WMATA File Structure No.:  
4.4.1 Grant Agreements