



# CITY OF CONCORD

## REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Thomas J. Aspell, Jr., City Manager

**DATE:** November 29, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Concord Area Transit Request for Funds for the Complementary Paratransit Bus Service

### **Recommendation:**

Authorize the use of unexpended funds in the amount of \$7,937.67 for the purpose of acquiring two (2) Complementary Paratransit buses to support the fixed route system within the city.

### **Background:**

Concord Area Transit provides a fixed, three (3) route bus system within the city. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), a Complementary Paratransit Service of three-quarters of a mile on either side of the system must be provided. The Paratransit Service must run during the same days and hours as the fixed-route system. The purpose of this Service is to provide transportation to disabled individuals that do not have the ability to access fixed-bus routes.

### **Discussion:**

Concord Area Transit has been able to secure \$594,998 to purchase two (2) new transit buses to service the fixed routes. The City Council previously approved \$60,000 for the 10% local match requirement of the new buses. At the time of the purchase, the local match requirement was reduced to 7.5% by the State of New Hampshire. This reduction in the match requirement left a balance of \$7,937.67 in this appropriation. Concord Area Transit has been able to secure \$159,910 for the replacement of two (2) Complementary Paratransit buses that support the fixed route system. This requires a local match of \$8,375.84.

Concord Area Transit has requested the use of the unexpended funds for this match.