



CITY OF CONCORD

REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: Resolution appropriating the sum of \$60,000 including authorizing the issuance of bonds and notes in the amount of \$60,000 as the local agency match for the replacement of Concord Area Transit Bus Vehicles. (CIP #584)

Recommendation

Accept this report and set the attached resolution appropriating the sum of \$60,000 including authorizing the issuance of bonds and notes in the amount of \$60,000 as the local agency match for the replacement of Concord Area Transit Bus Vehicles for a public a public hearing on October 10, 2017

Background

Since 1989, Concord Area Transit (CAT), through the Community Action Program of Belknap-Merrimack Counties, has been providing uninterrupted transit services for the residents of Concord. Replacement of transit vehicles are mandated by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and are eligible for Federal and State funding. Local agency match funds are required.

Discussion

CAT maintains a fleet of 13 vehicles including buses and vans to provide fixed route, complimentary para-transit, and senior transit services. Of that fleet, 3 vehicles support the CAT fixed route bus system. The existing fleet of 3 buses was placed in service in 2003 and was eligible for replacement in 2015.

In FY2016, the Engineering Services Division introduced a multi-year capital improvement program (CIP) to provide local agency match for the replacement of the transit bus vehicles. The CIP work plan included replacement of bus vehicles in FY2016, FY2017, and FY2018.

Due to delays in Federal and State grant funding, Federal grant authority at the State level was not available until FY2017. Over the past year, NHDOT and the FTA developed replacement transit vehicle specifications with CAT and a Purchase Order for the acquisition of two (2) transit vehicles was approved on June 27, 2017. The third transit vehicle will be replaced in a subsequent grant round to follow this action.

Since CAT's inception in 1989, the City of Concord has always supported a portion of the capital replacement match required to support the fixed route fleet. The capital vehicle replacement program typically includes 80% Federal funds, 10% State funds, and 10% local agency match funds.

Therefore, it is recommended that the City Council accept this report and approve the resolution appropriating the sum of \$60,000 including authorizing the issuance of bonds and notes in the amount of \$60,000 as the local agency match for the replacement of Concord Area Transit Bus Vehicles.

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