



Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

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Viera, FL 32940

Legislation Text

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Subject:

Approval, Re: Authorizing Resolution, Grant Application, Use of Toll Revenue Credits, Execution of Follow-up Grant Agreement, Re: Fiscal Year 2023 Space Coast Area Transit Low-No Emission Competitive Grant Program (Section 5339c) from Federal Transit Administration

Fiscal Impact:

\$5,940,820 - Federal Transit Administration Capital Funds (4136)

\$1,273,032 - Florida Department of Transportation Toll Revenue Credit (No exchange of funds)

Dept/Office:

Transit Services

Requested Action:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners approve and authorize the following:

- the Chair to sign the Authorizing Resolution,
- the Chair to sign the Grant Application form SF424,
- the use of the Florida Department of Transportation Toll Revenue Credits,
- the Chair to sign the Designation of Signature Authority allowing staff to submit the Grant electronically,
- the Transit Director to execute and submit the Grant Agreement electronically, contingent upon County Attorney and Risk Management approval,
- the Transit Director to execute any additional follow-up documentation, resolutions and amendments necessary to secure these funds,
- authorize the County Manager to execute any necessary Budget Change Requests.

Summary Explanation and Background:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) with funds from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) has announced the availability of approximately \$1.22 billion in competitive grants under the Low or No Emission Vehicle Program -5339(c) (Low-No Program) for the purchase or lease of zero-emission and low-emission transit buses, including acquisition, construction, and leasing of required supporting facilities. The Federal Government has committed to reaching a net-zero emissions economy by 2050. Space Coast Area Transit can help achieve this goal by transitioning to low and no emission buses when feasible. In an effort to meet the required deadline Staff has applied for the following project:

- Space Coast Area Transit is seeking to purchase eight (8) 35-foot Hybrid Electric Gillig Busses.

These Hybrid Electric transit busses will serve as replacements to vehicles acquired in 2007 which have

exceeded their useful life in our current fleet. If awarded an expected delivery timeframe for the new vehicles will be in approximately 18-20 months.

This project will be funded through the Federal Transit Administration Section 5339c funds. The local match for the capital project will be provided through the Florida Department of Transportation Toll Revenue Credits Policy. Under this program, no exchange of funds occurs; however, the use of the Toll Revenue Credits will allow for the 15% local match requirement.

Submission of this application to the Board was delayed until staff received required toll revenue credit match approval. The Grant Application has already been submitted to the Federal Transit Administration for review and awarding of funds should our application be chosen. The Program of Projects will be subsequently updated in Transit Services' Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

Please send a copy of the Board Memorandum, Authorizing Resolution, Grant Application and and Designation of Signature Authority to Transit Services.