

**Item Title:** Memorandum of Understanding for GoWake Access Federal Transit Administration Formula Grants

**Specific Action Requested:**

**That the Board of Commissioners approves the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Raleigh (GoRaleigh), the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO), the Research Triangle Regional Public Transit Authority (GoTriangle), Town of Cary (GoCary), and Wake County (GoWake Access) for the annual appropriation of funds for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) programs, and Section 5307/5340 and Section 5339 funds.**

**Item Summary:**

**Purpose:** The Board of Commissioners is required to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with local and state governmental entities and private non-profit corporations.

**Background:** Annually, Congress allocates funds for programs under the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Funds from Sections 5307/5340 and 5339 are distributed to the Raleigh Urbanized Area (UZA) according to a specific formula. The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO), designated by both federal and state authorities, is responsible for approving the distribution of FTA urbanized area formula grants to eligible direct grant recipients within the Raleigh UZA.

Designated subrecipients are required to submit data to the National Transit Database (NTD) that are used by FTA to determine the annual distribution of Section 5307/5340 and Section 5339 funds to the Raleigh UZA. The FTA distributes its Section 5307 and Section 5339 bus tier/non-fixed guideway funds to the Raleigh UZA using a formula with variable inputs based on UZA population, population density, bus revenue vehicle miles, bus passenger miles, and bus service operating cost.

**Strategic Plan:** This action supports Growth, Land Use and Environment Goal 2: By 2029, increase public transit ridership by 10%.

**Fiscal Impact:** There is no fiscal impact to execute the Memorandum of Understanding.

**Additional Information:**

The MOU authorizes Raleigh, as the designated recipient of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) programs, and Section 5307/5340 and Section 5339 funds for the distribution and appropriation to the designated FTA Subrecipients: GoTriangle, GoCary, and GoWake Access.

The MOU directs the use of FFY23 allocation amounts as a hold harmless base amount for the designated subrecipients receiving funds in FY2023, further calculated using the 2020 Census data in its annual FTA formula apportionment calculations for the populations greater than one million Tier. The remaining annual apportionment funds are distributed by percentage of revenue miles to the subrecipients, including Morrisville and Johnston County (JCATS), and directs the sub-allocation of Section 5339 and Section 5340 funds, the low-income component of Section 5307 funds, and the sub-allocation of Section 5307 fixed guideway tier funds.

**Attachments:**

1. Memorandum of Understanding for the Sub-Allocation of Federal Transit Agreement Formula Grants to the Raleigh Urbanized Area