

Item Title: FFY2024 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5307 Agreement

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners approves the FFY2024 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5307 Agreement between the City of Raleigh and Wake County (GoWake Access) in the amount of \$2,779,800.

Item Summary:

Purpose: In accordance with the North Carolina Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act, the Wake County Board of Commissioners must approve interlocal agreements.

Background: Annually, Wake County (GoWake Access) is approved and awarded funding based on the previous years' reported service hours and census data. For the FFY2024 FTA 5307 funding period, Wake County (GoWake Access) was approved for \$2,779,800. The grant award will be used to fund trips and other identified operational expenditures through reimbursements.

Strategic Plan: This action supports Growth, Land Use and Environment Goal 2: By 2029, increase public transit ridership by 10%; and Growth, Land Use and Environment Goal 1: Between 2024 and 2029, 97% of growth and development will be directed toward cities and towns that provide municipal services, transportation, and utilities.

Fiscal Impact: The FFY2024 FTA 5307 grant includes a 50/50 Local Match requirement. The total program funding is \$2,779,800, which includes federal funding of \$1,389,900 and County Share (Local Match) of \$1,389,900. The total in-kind match requirement is appropriated in the Wake County Human Services Transportation Fund FY2026 budget and funded through non-federal, Wake Transit and ROAP grant sources.

Additional Information:

The City of Raleigh is the designated recipient for the FTA 5307 Funds and Wake County (GoWake Access) is the subrecipient. Funding to Wake County (GoWake Access) is approved for the FTA 5307 grant based on data reported related to service hours on the NTD (National Transit Database) Annual Report to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

These reported service hours are eligible for federal matching funds based on the Federal allocation and the Federal distribution formula. FTA internally calculates the amount each agency should receive based on audited reports and reimburses all agencies in the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) area in one lump sum.

The Sub-Allocation MOU was developed among the eligible Wake County transit agencies, including the City of Raleigh, Town of Cary, GoTriangle, Wake County, and CAMPO. This MOU memorializes the agreement between the parties related to funding allocation and reimbursements in accordance with federal metrics. GoWake Access will be able to provide a projected 20,000 additional trips with this allocation. This will close the funding service gap experienced in 2025 due to increased operational costs.

Funding for the past four years are as follows:

Award Year	FFY2021	FFY2022	FFY2023	FFY2024
Federal Match	\$1,325,811	\$1,349,023	\$1,760,218	\$1,389,900
Local Match / County Share	\$1,325,811	\$1,349,023	\$1,760,218	\$1,389,900
Program Costs	\$2,651,622	\$2,698,046	\$3,520,436	\$2,779,800

Attachments:

1. FY2026 Budget Memo - Human Services Transportation Fund