

Item Title: Continue Memorandum of Understanding for Distribution of Federal Transit Administration Formula Funds

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to renew the Memorandum of Understanding for the sub-allocation of Federal Transit Administration Formula Funds, subject to terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney.

Item Summary:

Purpose: The Board of Commissioners approves Memoranda of Understanding between Wake County and external organizations. In this action, staff requests continuation of an existing MOU between Wake County and the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO).

Background: The Federal Transit Administration distributes formula funds for bus transit services through its Section 5307 and 5339 programs. These funds come to the Raleigh Urbanized Area (UZA) using a formula based on population, population density, bus revenue vehicle miles, bus passenger miles, and bus service and operating cost.

The City of Raleigh is the designated recipient of these formula funds. The City then distributes funds to other transit providers, including GoTriangle, the Town of Cary, and Wake County. Our County uses the funds to support GoWake Access services to eligible residents.

The region's existing MOU approved by the Board of Commissioners on June 15th, 2017, expired in November 2022. Staff recommend renewing the MOU with Raleigh and other regional stakeholders to continue the existing arrangement for sharing FTA formula funds. There are no substantive changes to the allocation approach or funded service levels.

Board Goal: This action supports routine County operations.

Fiscal Impact: Formula funding has been anticipated in the adopted FY 2024 budget. This funding will not supplant our existing funds received from Rural Operation Assistance Funds (ROAP) and Wake Transit. No appropriation of additional funds is required.

Additional Information:

The table below summarizes the amount of funding Wake County has received through these FTA programs over the last five years.

Funding Category	FFY-18	FFY -19	FFY-20	FFY-21	FFY-22
FTA 5307	\$2,340,026	\$2,115,624	\$2,651,622	\$2,698,046	\$3,463,368

Attachments:

1. Memorandum of Understanding
2. Flowchart of FTA funding to subgrantees