

**Item Title:** Wake Coordinated Transportation Services Funding from Federal Transit Administration Formula Funds

**Specific Action Requested:**

**That the Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to execute a 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:**

The Wake Coordinated Transportation Service (WCTS) program reported service hours to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for FY2015 data in October 2016. 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 Memorandum of Understanding for the Sub-Allocation of Federal Transit Administration Formula Grants to the Raleigh Urbanized Area has been developed among the eligible Wake County transit agencies, including the City of Raleigh, Town of Cary, GoTriangle, Wake County and CAMPO to memorialize the agreement between the parties with respect to the allocation of funding and reimbursements in accordance with Federal metrics. It is expected that WCTS will receive approximately \$1 million annually through the FTA reporting and suballocation process.

The additional funding available can be used to fund direct capital and planning expenditure reimbursements, as well as capital cost of contracting. Capital cost of contracting will fund the capital overhead cost which has previously been charged to operating grants. The reduced charges to the operating grants will allow for additional trips to be provided through WCTS services. An additional agreement will also be needed to transfer Federal funds from the City of Raleigh GoRaleigh Bus Program, an official FTA Grantee, to WCTS.

FTA mandates that reporting requirements begin the year after a transit agency applies for urban or rural funding or in the year the transit agency benefits from Federal funding, whichever is sooner. Transit agencies must report as long as §5307 (urbanized areas formula grants) or §5311 (rural area formula grants) funding applications remain open. WCTS is a necessary party to this agreement and will have to report annually to FTA while receiving §5311.

**Attachments:**

1. Memorandum of Understanding