



Broward County

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Title: MOTION TO ADOPT Resolution No. 2020-274 of the Board of County Commissioners of Broward County, Florida, authorizing the Director of the Transportation Department to submit a Grant Application to the Federal Transit Administration for Federal Grant Program funds pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 5339(B), for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Federal Grant Program funds in the amount of \$17,275,000, to rehabilitate and reconstruct the Transit Division’s Copans Road operations and maintenance facility, and authorize the County Administrator to take any necessary administrative and budgetary actions to implement the grant.

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Attachments: 1. Exhibit 1 - Resolution FTA5339(B) Grant, 2. Exhibit 2 - Federal Register

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Broward County Commission Regular Meeting
Director's Name: Chris Walton
Department: Transportation **Division:** Transit

Information

Requested Action

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Why Action is Necessary

Board approval is required to accept \$17,275,000 in grant funds from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

What Action Accomplishes

Provides grant funding towards the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the Transit Division’s Copans Road Operations and Maintenance Facility in Pompano Beach utilizing sustainable design practices for the construction of new operations and training buildings, new parking facilities and adding infrastructure to accommodate electric buses and support vehicles.

Is this Action Goal Related

Yes

Previous Action Taken

None

Summary Explanation/Background

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT AND TRANSIT DIVISION RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE ABOVE MOTION

This item supports the Board's Values and Goals of "Cooperatively delivering an efficient and accessible regional intermodal transportation network".

On May 15, 2019, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) published a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) announcing the availability of \$423,350,240 in competitive grant funding under its Fiscal Year 2019 Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program (5339(b)). On The Transit Division (BCT) submitted an application requesting \$20.5M in funding with a proposed match of \$30.8M in local surtax funds for a project to rehabilitate and reconstruct its Copans Road Operations and Maintenance Facility in Pompano Beach that was built in the early 1980s.

Demand for FTA's Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program far exceeded available funds, as FTA received applications for 318 eligible projects totaling approximately \$1.9 billion in funding requests, from a total of 270 applicants in 43 states and territories. Project proposals were evaluated based on criteria outlined in the NOFO.

On March 2, 2020, FTA formally announced through the Federal Register (Exhibit 2) that BCT was one of only 94 projects selected nationwide, received an overall rating of "highly recommended" and was awarded \$17,275,000 in Fiscal Year 2019 Grant funds for Buses and Bus Facilities. Funds will be used toward the project to rehabilitate and reconstruct BCT's Copans Road Operations and Maintenance Facility utilizing sustainable design practices for the construction of new operations and training buildings, new parking facilities and adding infrastructure to accommodate electric buses and support vehicles.

Source of Additional Information

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Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Impact/Cost Summary

Recognizes \$17,275,000 in awarded FTA 5339(B) Buses and Bus Facilities grant program funds.