City Council Agenda Item Request
Submit to Clerk's Office
No later than 30 days before proposed Council meeting

1. **Date submitted to Clerk's Office:** 11/7/25

2. **Primary contact person and Department requesting agenda item:** Ashley Haire, Transportation Director; Jessica Morriss, Assistant Director; Christopher Whitlock, Transit Division Manager

3. **Requested Council meeting date:** 12/09/25

4. **Subject:** Expending and disbursing FY 2017 and FY 2018 Federal Transit Administration Grant funds

5. **Action Requested:** Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept, expend, and disburse previously apportioned Section 5307 and 5310 Federal Transit Administration Grants from FY 2017 and 2018; and to execute all necessary agreements between the City of Asheville and applicable transit subrecipients for the disbursement of these funds.

6. **Note if time sensitive, and why:** Yes. This action is necessary in order to process reimbursement requests for the City's transit subrecipients.

7. **Potential fiscal impact(s) - if known by staff at time of request:**
    - This action seeks to authorize the disbursement of federal transit grant funds from FY 2017 and FY 2018 that have recently been spent by transit subrecipients, but for which a Council resolution authorizing the City to disburse the funds was not previously brought to Council.
    - The City's allocation from these FY 2017 and FY 2018 funds were already budgeted and expended in those respective fiscal years. Therefore, there is no fiscal impact to the City associated with this action.
    - The City "passes through" funding to each subrecipient and is not responsible for their local match.

8. **Identify all vendor outreach for Minority & Women Owned Business Enterprises (MWBE).**
N/A. These funds are apportioned to the Asheville Urbanized Area (AUZA) annually by the Federal Transit Administration and are disbursed by the City of Asheville, as the Designated Recipient, to the regional transit agencies (Subrecipients), including Buncombe County, Haywood County and Henderson County.

9. **Identify all Boards, Commissions and Council Committees with tentative dates - add in the vote and recommendation from each Board:** None

10. **Identify key issues:**
    - This action seeks to authorize the disbursement of federal transit grant funds from FY 2017 and FY 2018 that have recently been spent by transit subrecipients, but for which a Council resolution authorizing the City to disburse the funds was not previously brought forward to Council.
    - The City's purchasing division has requested that a resolution be recorded and that specific amounts for each subrecipient from these grants be included in the resolution, as well as authorization to accept the grant funds from FTA and execute agreements with the subrecipients.

- Therefore, this action will allow the City to process requests for reimbursement from the subrecipients from the following three annual programs:
    - *Section 5307 Urban Transit Funds* - these funds are allocated annually to the Asheville Urbanized Area (AUZA) and are split between the City and Subrecipients based on a formula determined by the French Broad River MPO (FBRMPO).
    - *Section 5307 Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC)* - the total amount of funds for this program originates from a 10% set-aside of Section 5307 Urban Transit funds. Each year, agencies must apply to the FBRMPO for JARC Funds. The City typically receives JARC funds to offset some of the cost of the Route 170, and more recently the S3.
    - *Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities* - these funds are allocated annually to the AUZA. Each year, agencies must apply to the FBRMPO for 5310 funds.
- The following tables outline the amounts disbursed to each entity by program for FY 2017 and FY 2018.

Section 5307 Urban Transit Funds

FY17 Section 5307 Urban Transit Funding	
Subrecipient	**Allocation Amount**
JARC Set-Aside	$266,999
City of Asheville	$1,312,887
Buncombe County	$461,131
Haywood County	$165,207
Henderson County	$463,767
Total	**$2,669,991**

FY18 Section 5307 Urban Transit Funding	
Subrecipient	**Allocation Amount**
JARC Set-Aside	$277,732
City of Asheville	$1,065,620
Buncombe County	$715,414
Haywood County	$208,482
Henderson County	$510,067
Total	**$2,777,315**

Section 5307 Job Access Reverse Commute Funds

FY17 & 18 Section 5307 JARC Funds			
Subrecipient	**Project**	**Amount Funded**	**Local Match (Varies)**
City of Asheville	City of Asheville Black Mountain Transit Route 170-Continued Support for Operations, two years of operations, starting in January 2019	$128,276	$128,276
Buncombe County	Buncombe County Black Mountain Trailblazer Operating Assistance - 15 months of operating expenses, starting in December of 2018	$190,515	$190,515
Mountain Projects (Haywood County)	Mountain Projects (Haywood County) New Deviated Fixed Route-Capital	$68,236	$17,059
Mountain Projects (Haywood County)	Mountain Projects (Haywood County) New Deviated Fixed Route - Operations	$80,450	$80,450
City of Asheville	JARC Administrative of Mountain Projects at 10%	$14,869	$0
City of Asheville	JARC Administrative Fee at 10%	$35,421	$0
	Total	**$517,767**	**$416,300**

Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities

FY17 Section 5310 Funds			
Subrecipient	**Project**	**Amount Funded**	**Local Match (varies)**
City of Asheville	ADA Paratransit acquisition of services	$135,000	$33,750
Buncombe County	Buncombe County Additional Elderly and Disabled Transportation	$46,575	$11,644
Buncombe County	RIDE Vouchers Program-Support for Taxi Services for Individuals with Disabilities	$60,053	$60,053
Council on Aging-Buncombe County	Council on Aging CAR Volunteer Driver Program for Older Adults	$16,311	$16,311
Land of Sky Regional Council	Expansion of Senior Companion Program in Buncombe and Henderson	$33,426	$33,426
Madison County	Madison County Senior Transportation to Meal Sites	$5,000	$5,000
City of Asheville	5310 Program Administration Fee at 10%	$32,929	$0
	Total	**$329,294**	**$160,184**

FY18 Section 5310 Funds			
Subrecipient	**Project**	**Amount Funded**	**Local Match (varies)**
City of Asheville	ADA Paratransit	$99,156	$24,789

FY18 Section 5310 Funds			
	acquisition of services		
Buncombe County	Buncombe County Additional Elderly and Disabled Transportation	$73,036	$18,259
Buncombe County	RIDE Vouchers Program-Support for Taxi Services for Individuals with Disabilities	$52,337	$52,337
Council on Aging-Buncombe County	Council on Aging CAR Volunteer Driver Program for Older Adults	$13,690	$13,690
Land of Sky Regional Council	Expansion of Senior Companion Program in Buncombe and Henderson	$32,340	$32,340
Madison County	Madison County Senior Transportation to Meal Sites	$7,920	$7,920
Vocational Solutions-Henderson County	Henderson County Vocation and Life Skills Training Transportation for Individuals with Disabilities	$15,996	$3,999
Vocational Solutions-Henderson County	Henderson County Vocation and Life Skills Training Transportation for Individuals with Disabilities	$4,950	$4,950
City of Asheville	Program Administration	$33,269	$0
	Total	**$332,694.00**	**$158,284.00**

