

## Legislation Text

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### CATS Retired Buses Donation

**Action:**

**A. Approve the donation of one retired CATS bus to Olympic High School, and**

**B. Approve the donation of one retired CATS bus to the Town of Matthews Fire Department.**

**Staff Resource(s):**

Larry Kopf, CATS

**Explanation**

- North Carolina General Statute 160A-274 allows City property to be donated to other governmental units, such as other cities and public schools, with or without consideration.
- CATS buses are purchased with funds from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) (80%), North Carolina Department of Transportation (10%), and local funds (10%). The buses are eligible for retirement on a 12 year depreciation cycle pursuant to federal regulation. Fully depreciated buses may be disposed of pursuant to locally authorized methods. The FTA does not require reimbursement if the amount received for a retired bus is less than \$5,000.
- Olympic High School and the Town of Matthews would accept the donated buses "as is", without warranty.

**Action A**

- Olympic High School is taking part in an apprenticeship program designed by the CATS maintenance division. Students will be instructed on diesel mechanics and the proper care of a bus. One goal of the program is to help prepare students who might be interested in pursuing a career in diesel mechanics, potentially a career with CATS.
- CATS has a bus (Vehicle Identification Number 2NVYL82P9Y3000183) available that has reached its useful service life, is fully depreciated by FTA standards, and may therefore be retired and donated to Olympic High School.

**Action B**

- The Town of Matthews Fire Department is interested in training firefighters to better respond in the event of a bus fire. Using the bus for training purposes allows the firefighters to become familiar with the vehicle's features, such as ingress and egress points.
- CATS has six bus routes that provide over 14,000 hours of service annually through the Town of Matthews.
- CATS has a bus (Vehicle Identification Number 15GGD271931073727) available that has reached its useful service life, is fully depreciated by FTA standards, and may therefore be retired and donated to the Town of Matthews Fire Department.

**Fiscal Note**

Funding: Not Applicable