

## Legislation Text

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### Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization Funding

#### **Action:**

- A. Accept Federal Transit Administration Section 5303 Metropolitan and Statewide planning funds in the amount of \$500,000 as identified in the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization's annual Unified Planning Work Program, and**
- B. Adopt a budget ordinance appropriating \$500,000 to the General Grants Fund.**

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#### **Explanation**

- The Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO) is the federally-designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Charlotte urbanized area. It provides long range transportation planning services to Mecklenburg, Union, and Iredell counties. The city is the CRTPO's lead planning agency, and its staff is housed in the city's Planning, Design, and Development department.
- Section 5303 funds are federal funds used to support metropolitan and statewide transit planning activities.
- The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has allocated \$500,000 of its Section 5303 funds to support the ongoing regional transit study, known as CONNECT Beyond. The study is co-sponsored by CATS and the Centralina Council of Governments (CCOG).
- An interlocal agreement between the city and CCOG was approved by Council on October 28, 2019. This agreement outlined the project goals, regional project partners, and project funding sources.
- NCDOT requires that a local MPO be the recipient of funds designated for local planning efforts and has asked the CRTPO to receive the funds in question on behalf of the CONNECT Beyond initiative.
- CATS will provide the local match of \$125,000.

#### **Fiscal Note**

Funding: General Grants Fund and CATS Operating Budget

#### **Attachment(s)**

Budget Ordinance