

## Legislation Text

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### **CATS Memorandum of Understanding for Allocation of Federal Transportation Funds**

#### **Action:**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the City to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with other local jurisdictions to govern the allocation of certain transportation grant funds from the Federal Transit Administration, and**
- B. Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and approve revisions to the draft Memorandum of Understanding and to execute the final Memorandum of Understanding.**

#### **Staff Resource(s):**

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#### **Explanation**

- Under federal law, certain types of transportation grant funds are provided directly by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to the City of Charlotte and then must be further allocated to eligible agencies within the Charlotte NC-SC Urbanized Area.
- Currently, these eligible agencies are the Charlotte Area Transit System in Charlotte, Mecklenburg Transportation System in Mecklenburg County, Iredell County Area Transportation System in Iredell County, Union County Transportation in Union County, and Transit services administered by the Rock Hill-Fort Mill Area Transportation Study in York and Lancaster Counties in South Carolina.
- Decisions about how to allocate these funds are made by the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO). Federal law requires that those allocations be made by the CRTPO in accordance with a process that ensures each jurisdiction has input. The proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishes that process.
- The MOU includes an agreed-upon formula that has been adopted by the CRTPO to use in allocating funds among the jurisdictions that are parties to it. The formula considers fixed guideway, bus incentive, low-income population, bus vehicle revenue miles, population, and ridership in the calculation of the shares of federal funding.
- Each year, based on the agreed-upon formula in the MOU and on information about the various jurisdictions from the national transit database, the CRTPO will prepare a draft allocation of available FTA funds. Each jurisdiction then will have an opportunity to comment on the proposed allocation before it is given final approval by the CRTPO to govern the final allocation of funds.
- The CRTPO approved this formula and the process within the MOU by a unanimous vote on July 21, 2021.
- Estimated allocation is as follows:
  - Charlotte Area Transit System \$ 17,689,782,
  - Iredell County Area Transportation System \$701,590,
  - Mecklenburg Transportation System \$ 1,232,820,
  - Union County Transportation \$969,420, and
  - Rock Hill-Fort Mill Area Transportation \$150,000.

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

Resolution  
Draft MOU  
Map