

MOTION:

SECOND:

RE: AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT FY19 STATE GRANT APPLICATIONS

ACTION:

WHEREAS, applications for FY19 state assistance are due by February 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, applications for those projects approved by the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission ("PRTC" and the "Commission") will be submitted after the Commission meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has reviewed and supports management's proposals for FY19 state assistance as described in the accompanying memorandum; and

WHEREAS, local matching funds have been included in the proposed FY19 PRTC budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission does hereby authorize the Executive Director to file applications with the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (VDRPT), to furnish such documents and other information as may be required for processing the grant requests, and execute any related documents for grants of financial assistance in substantially the same form as outlined in management's memorandum accompanying this resolution, to defray eligible costs for public transportation purposes, and to accept from VDRPT grants in such amount as may be awarded.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission certifies that funds shall be used in accordance with the requirements of Section 58.1-638.A.4 of the Code of Virginia, that the Commission shall provide matching funds as required, that records of receipts for expenditures of funds granted to the Commission may be subject to audit by the VDRPT and by the State Auditor of Public Accounts, and that the funds shall be used for such purposes as authorized in the Code of Virginia.

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Votes:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent from Vote:

Alternate Present Not Voting:

Absent from Meeting:



Potomac and Rappahannock
Transportation Commission

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February 1, 2018

TO: Chair Anderson and PRTC Commissioners

THROUGH: Betsy Massie *Betsy Massie*
Director, Grants and Project Management

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Executive Director

RE: Authorization to Submit FY19 State Grant Applications

Recommendation:

Authorize submission of FY19 state grant applications.

Background:

Each year PRTC applies for state assistance authorized by the Commission. The application deadline this year is February 1st; approved applications will be submitted after the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission's ("PRTC" or the "Commission") meeting.

Applications submitted for PRTC's FY19 proposed budget are as follows:

- (1) Operating assistance. This is a recurring state grant covering operating expenses, funded by the Commonwealth's Transportation Trust Fund (TTF). Before the enactment of Senate Bill 1140 (SB 1140) by the General Assembly in 2013, all state transit operating assistance was allocated to transit providers based simply on their respective shares of the state-wide operating costs for all providers receiving state operating assistance. SB 1140 directed the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) to fashion a performance-based formula for allocating new state operating assistance stemming from HB 2313 (which SB 1140 defined as "funding above \$160 million"), in concert with an appointed advisory committee and subject to the approval of the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB). A performance-based formula was developed as required and state operating assistance is now allocated using two formulas – one applying to the first \$160 million based on operating costs alone, and the second being performance-based which, for FY19, draws data from FY15 through FY17.

- (2) Capital assistance. The principal source of funding for capital is 25% of the Mass Transit Trust Fund (MTTF), supplemented by other state sources at DRPT's disposal. SB 1140 also made changes to the methodology for awarding capital, by directing DRPT to fashion a tiered approach based on asset need and anticipated state participation level and revenues such that state participation rates would vary by tier (before SB 1140, MTTF capital funds had to be distributed using a uniform state participation rate). DRPT has developed the following three-tiered structure: Tier 1 - Replacement/Expansion Vehicles, Bus Overhauls; Tier 2 - Infrastructure/Facilities; and Tier 3 - Other, each with a different matching ratio. For the FY19 grant cycle DRPT has signaled the matching ratio for the three tiers will be 68%, 34% and 17%, respectively, but this may change based on the actual grant requests received.
- (3) Specific capital requests for FY19 are as follows (all costs are total, including state and local shares):
- Rehabilitate/Rebuild Buses (\$1.512 million). Funding is being requested for the rehabilitation of five model year 2012 Gillig (40 foot) buses.
 - Line Inspections (\$0.334 million). Funding will provide for line inspections of overhauled buses listed above and to complete the overhaul program underway.
 - Rehabilitate/Rebuild Buses (\$0.170 million). Funding for powertrain replacements (i.e. engines and transmissions for those buses that have reached at least 300,000 miles), extended warranties (engines only), and replacement fareboxes.
 - Implementation of Cameras on Commuter Buses (\$0.562 million). The requested funding will install cameras on 42 MCI (about half the MCI fleet).
 - Transit Center-related Repairs/Construction (\$0.282 million). Funding will resurface the employee parking lot, replace the fire alarm and fire alarm annunciator systems and the intrusion alarm system which are original to the building and no longer supported, and correct a drainage issue at the back of the bus storage area.
 - City of Manassas Capital Lease for Park & Ride Lots (\$0.070 million). This is a recurring line item in the PRTC state capital assistance applications.

- City of Manassas Debt Service (\$0.222 million). This is a recurring line item in the PRTC state capital assistance applications.
 - City of Manassas Park Debt Service (\$0.006 million). This is a recurring line item in the PRTC state capital assistance applications.
 - PRTC Administrative Capital (\$0.290 million). Funds will be used for computer hardware and software and miscellaneous office furniture.
 - Security Enhancements (\$0.017 million). Funds will be used for replacement and installation of cameras. A portion (20%) will provide match to FTA-required security enhancement funding.
- (4) TDM/Ridesharing (\$0.195 million). This is a continuation program to sustain PRTC's ridesharing and commuter assistance activities. The funding provided by the state amounts to 80 percent of the eligible project costs.
- (5) Intern Program (\$0.038 million). Funds will be used to pay for up to 80 percent of a transit intern's salary and other eligible expenses.
- (6) I-95 Express Toll Lanes Operating Assistance – (\$0.836 million). Management is seeking operating grant assistance for services DRPT is paying PRTC to operate, including Tyson's Corner, Mark Center, and trips added during I-95 HOT lanes construction to relieve overcrowding.

Fiscal Impact:

Local matching funds for all requested assistance have been incorporated in the proposed FY19 PRTC budget.