

MOTION:

SECOND:

RE: RATIFICATION OF A GRANT APPLICATION SUBMITTED THROUGH THE TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PLANNING PROGRAM FOR FEDERAL FUNDING FROM THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

ACTION:

WHEREAS, the Transit-Oriented Development Planning Program, administered by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), provides federal funding for comprehensive planning studies that integrate transportation and land use in a transit corridor; and

WHEREAS, eligible projects must be a new fixed guideway system or substantial investment in existing public transportation facilities that support economic development and ridership, foster multimodal connectivity and accessibility, improve transit access for pedestrians and bicyclists, engage the private sector and identify infrastructure needs; and

WHEREAS, Prince William County, as the land planning authority, collaborated with the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission ("PRTC" or "Commission") to submit the Route 1 Corridor Transit project to the FTA for grant funding consideration through the Transit-Oriented Development Planning Program; and

WHEREAS, due to the firm deadline of the grant application, PRTC staff applied and satisfied the Transit-Oriented Development Planning Program deadline by submitting the application by October 26, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Route 1 Corridor Transit project will be a comprehensive planning study for transit connections between activity centers and transit stations along the Route 1 corridor; and

WHEREAS, this project will further the implementation of Prince William County's approved Small Area Plans and supports their Mobility Strategic Goal and Comprehensive Plan mobility policies; and

WHEREAS, if the project is selected for funding, Prince William County government will enter into a memorandum of agreement with PRTC to be a subrecipient of the FTA funds and oversee the planning study; and

WHEREAS, Prince William County will be responsible for providing the 20 percent match of the \$250,000 requested funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission does hereby ratify the grant application submission through the Transit-Oriented Development Planning Program from the FTA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Commission authorizes the Executive Director to execute all documents necessary with Prince William County and the FTA, including a subrecipient memorandum of agreement, approved as to form by legal counsel, with Prince William County.

Votes:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent from Vote:


Alternate Present Not Voting:


Absent from Meeting:



November 25, 2020

TO: Chair Franklin and PRTC Commissioners

FROM: Perrin Palistrant 
Director of Operations and Operations Planning

THROUGH: Robert A. Schneider, PhD 
Executive Director

SUBJECT: Ratification of a Grant Application Submitted Through the Transit-Oriented Development Planning Program for Federal Funding from the Federal Transit Administration

Recommendation:

Ratification of a grant application submitted through the Transit-Oriented Development Planning Program for federal funding from the Federal Transit Administration.

Background:

The Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) FY 2020 Transit-Oriented Development Planning Program funding opportunity was announced on September 25, 2020, with a deadline for applications being submitted within 30 days. This is the fifth funding opportunity from the program and approximately \$6.2 million in federal funding is available for award. The program is administered by FTA and grant applicants must be an eligible recipient of FTA funding.

An application was submitted by the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC) to take advantage of the funding opportunity, with the understanding that if the Commission selects not to endorse the grant application, staff will pull the application from FTA's consideration for funding.

The program funds comprehensive planning that supports the integration of land use and transportation by planning for new public transportation fixed guideway systems or a substantial investment in existing public transportation facilities in a transit corridor. The program prioritizes projects that meet the following objectives: supports economic development and ridership, fosters multimodal connectivity and accessibility, improves transit access for pedestrian and bicycle traffic, engages the private sector and identifies infrastructure needs. Selected projects will receive a minimum of \$250,000 and a maximum of \$2 million for a

planning study. A 20 percent local match is required. The program requires documented partnership between transit sponsors and the land use planning authority of the corridor.

PRTC is an FTA recipient and eligible applicant for this program. Prince William County's (County) Transportation and Planning offices would like to partner with PRTC to identify an eligible project that would further shared goals for transportation and land use. The proposed Route 1 Corridor Transit project will be a comprehensive planning study for transit connections between activity centers and transit stations on the Route 1 corridor. The transit stations include the Woodbridge Virginia Railway Express (VRE) Station, Rippon VRE Station, future Potomac Shores VRE Station, and the OmniRide Transit Center. The study will identify routes, infrastructure and implementation strategies for providing transit connections identified in the County's Small Area Plans, including BRT, shuttles, and other transit related improvements between the activity centers and transit stations to enhance mobility and encourage economic development. The planning study will be used to further the implementation of the County's Small Area Plans to and pursue external funding.

The study will have five key tasks; analyzing existing studies, data and plans for the Route 1 corridor to prepare a comprehensive report, identify and evaluate fixed guideway route alternatives between activity centers and transit stations, identify necessary facilities, provide planning level capital and operating cost estimates and recommend strategies for implementation. The study will take 18-24 months to complete.

The requested grant funding for this study is \$250,000. If the project is selected for funding, the County will be responsible for providing the 20 percent required match. The County would enter into a memorandum of agreement with PRTC, approved as to form by legal counsel, to receive the grant funding as an FTA subrecipient. This will allow the County to oversee the planning study and serve as documentation of the partnership.

Fiscal Impact:

There will be no PRTC funds used for this project. Prince William County will provide the required 20 percent match if the grant is awarded.