

RESOLUTION NO. 21-05

**REPROGRAMMING FTA SECTION 5307 FUNDING ALLOCATED TO
FREDERICKSBURG REGIONAL TRANSIT (FRED)**

WHEREAS, the George Washington Regional Commission (“the Commission”) is the Planning District Commission serving the City of Fredericksburg and Caroline, King George, Spotsylvania and Stafford counties, known together as Planning District 16; and

WHEREAS, the Commission annually generates FTA Section 5307 funding through its membership in the Vanpool Alliance; and

WHEREAS, through Resolution No. 18-18, the GWRC Board allocated \$1.2 million to Fredericksburg Regional Transit (FRED) for preventative maintenance, bus pool, and electronic fareboxes; and

WHEREAS, Since Resolution No. 18-18 was signed, additional sources of Federal funding have become available to FRED that can be used for preventative maintenance, and FRED has identified additional projects that support the mission and goals of the regional transit system; and

WHEREAS, FRED recommends reprogramming the \$625,000 originally allocated for the Preventative Maintenance Project to the following projects: Transit Strategic Plan and Comprehensive Operational Analysis, Transit Security Project, and Radio and Emergency Management System.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the George Washington Regional Commission that it hereby approves the request from Fredericksburg Regional Transit (FRED) to reprogram \$625,000 in FTA Section 5307 funding as listed above.

Adopted by the George Washington Regional Commission at its duly called meeting on September 21, 2020, a quorum being present.

Cathy Binder, Chairman

September 21, 2020



FREDERICKSBURG REGIONAL TRANSIT

September 16, 2020

Dr. Linda Millsaps
Executive Director
George Washington Regional Commission (GWRC)
406 Princess Anne Street
Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Dr. Millsaps,

This letter is to formally request the reallocation of \$625,000 of the \$1.3 million in Section 5307 funds allocated to Fredericksburg Regional Transit utilizing the Vanpool 5307 Program Funds. In Resolution 18-18, dated June 18, 2018, the GWRC authorized FRED to use \$1.3 million for projects including; Preventive Maintenance - \$625,000; Replacement Buses - \$225,000; and Electronic Fareboxes - \$350,000. Since Resolution 18-18 was approved by the GWRC an additional source of Federal funding (CARES Act funding) has become available to FRED in FY21, which will offset one item identified in our approved project list.

FRED is able to utilize CARES Act funding to cover costs related to preventative maintenance expenses in FY21, which FRED had anticipated applying the \$625,000 of allocated funds. Therefore, to maximize the use of available funds, reduce related local contributions from the jurisdictions and the State, and complete critical and/or time-sensitive projects, FRED proposes to reallocate the funds for the preventive maintenance project - Resolution 18-18 for (\$625,000). As previously stated, the use of Vanpool funds beginning in FY21 will allow FRED to complete the projects without requesting a local match from the jurisdictions and State in future years, who currently have budgets impacted due to COVID-19.

FRED proposes to replace that project with three high priority projects:

- **Transit Strategic Plan and Comprehensive Operational Analysis:** Completion of a Transit Strategic Plan (TSP) as required by the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT). The TSP will create a strategic blueprint outlining desired changes that will improve the provision of transit service throughout the Region. FRED will also conduct a comprehensive operational analysis (COA) and service analysis; to include passenger counts and an on-board passenger survey. Estimated project cost: \$225,000.
- **Security Project:** Upgrade the Fredericksburg Regional Transit Operations and Maintenance Facility Complex, located in Spotsylvania County, from broadband to a robust secure fiber connection. The connection would allow the Operations and Maintenance Center to connect to the core network, eliminate a firewall, integrate the phone system between facilities, and provide a standalone internet connection. In addition, it would allow for the installation of an integrated security system and cameras providing enhanced safety for the entire Transit Complex. Estimated project cost: \$120,000.
- **Radio and Emergency Management System:** Acquisition of related infrastructure, equipment, software, and access for FRED to connect to Stafford County's radio system/tower. This project includes updating outdated systems and equipment that have met their useful life. This connectivity would increase safety and security for transit riders in the region, and allow all three member jurisdictions and the University of Mary Washington's emergency

management departments to connect with FRED and FRED vehicles in the event of a safety incident, emergency situation, or natural disaster. Estimated project cost: \$350,000.

As capital/planning projects these projects are eligible for Vanpool Program funding. The total estimated price project costs for these three projects is \$695,000. The current allocation for preventive maintenance (Res. 18-18) is \$625,000, leaving a need for an additional \$70,000 authorization from the Vanpool Program that FRED will request as a future year allocation or find other funding sources. The related projects may be phased; therefore, as a part of this request FRED is only asking for the reallocation of the \$625,000 and not for any additional funding as part of this reallocation request. Based on the action taken by GWRC, if FRED is unable to move forward with the reallocation of funds as presented, FRED is committed to utilizing the funds prior to their expiration date as the projects are identified in Resolution 18-18.

FRED requests GWRC'S approval of this request through a supporting and authorizing resolution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jamie T. Jackson', written in a cursive style.

Jamie T. Jackson
Director of Public Transit
Fredericksburg Regional Transit