

COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT

Georgia's First Consolidated Government

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May 4, 2009

Dr. Yvette G. Taylor
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Federal Transit Administration
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Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Attention: Jamie Pfister, FTA Director of Planning and Program Development

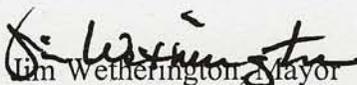
Subject: Certification under Section 1511 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

Dear Dr. Taylor:

Pursuant to Title VI, Subtitle A, Section 1511 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Pub. L. 111-5, Feb. 17, 2009) (ARRA) and Federal Register Vol. 74, No. 42, March 5, 2009, Section 1 – 1511 Certifications, I have enclosed the appropriate signed Certification and list of Columbus, Georgia, METRA Transit System projects that the ARRA funds will be used for. This list includes the project description, cost estimate and the amount of ARRA funds to be used.

If you should need any additional information, or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (706) 225-3297.

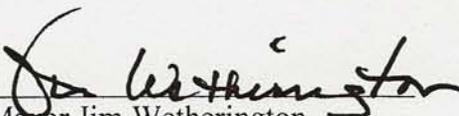
Sincerely,


Jim Wetherington, Mayor
Columbus Consolidated Government
Columbus, Georgia

Enclosures

**CERTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 1511 OF
THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA)**

Pursuant to Title XI, Subtitle A, Section 1511 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Pub. L. 111-5, Feb. 17, 2009) (ARRA) and Federal Register Vol., 74, No. 42, March 5, 2009, Section 1 – 1511 Certifications, I, Jim Wetherington, hereby certify that the attached project investments funded with appropriations by ARRA under the headings of the Transit Capital Assistance and Capital Investment Grants to the Federal Transit Administration, have received the full review and vetting required by law and that I accept responsibility that such investments are appropriate uses of taxpayer dollars. I further certify that the specific information required by section 1511 concerning each such investment (a description of the investment, the estimated total cost, and the amount of the ARRA funds to be used) is provided in the Columbus, Georgia Transit Improvement Program (TIP) and in the State Transit Improvement Program (STIP). The TIP is available on-line at Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) website at "www.columbusga.org/planning". The ARRA stimulus is also available at the Columbus, Georgia, City website page at "[www.columbusga.org/stimulusoversight committee](http://www.columbusga.org/stimulusoversightcommittee)."


Mayor Jim Wetherington

Signed this 4th day of May 2009

Local MPO - TIP Actions and Georgia Department of Transportation GDOT - STIP Actions

TIP and STIP Action:

The Metropolitan Planning Organization for Columbus, Georgia amended the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include the ARRA funds on February 27, 2009. See TIP amendment page; Attachment "A". Subsequent to the approval of the TIP, the same was forwarded to the Georgia Department of Transportation to be included in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The GDOT, STIP action is pending.

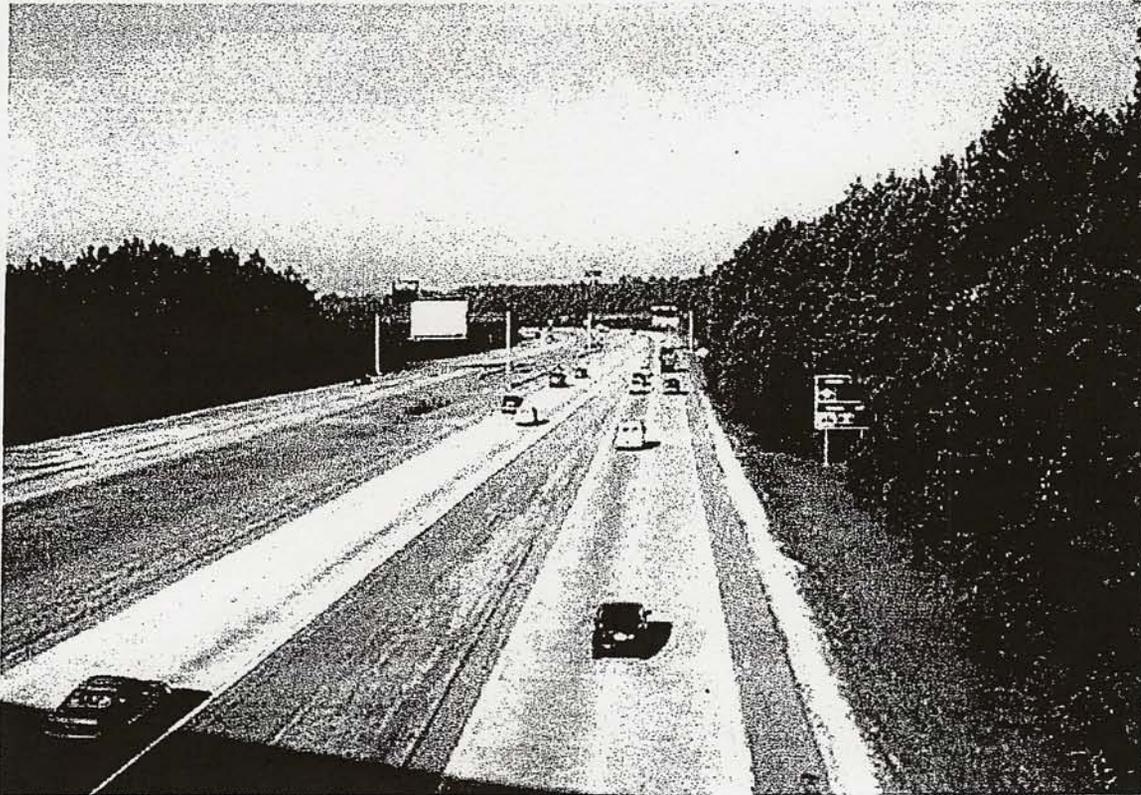
Scope of Activity:

Purchase replacement Clean Diesel Transit Coaches	\$1,280,000
Purchase replacement clean diesel Trolley Buses	\$1,260,000
Enhancement: bus stop signs, poles, trash cans, benches, shelter panels	\$ 109,671
Security: bus cameras, facility security cameras and other equipment	\$ 120,000
 Total Costs	 \$2,769,671

Administrative Modification:

Administrative approval by the Columbus Consolidated Government, Mayor and City Council occurred on March 31, 2009. Funding approved included all allocated MPO transit funds \$2,968,483 (\$2,6769,671 METRA and \$198,812 PEX). See signed and approved Mayor and Council resolution; Attachment "B".

**COLUMBUS-PHENIX CITY
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
YR 2010 – 2013**



Prepared by

Columbus-Phenix City Metropolitan Planning Organization (CPCMPO)

In Cooperation With

Federal Highway Administration

Federal Transit Administration

Georgia Department of Transportation

Alabama Department of Transportation

**COLUMBUS-PHENIX CITY TRANSPORTATION STUDY
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Columbus Transit - Metra

	Capital Item & Description	Quantity	Unit Cost	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	Total
Section 5309	35 Ft. Transit Coaches (FR)	2		\$330,000	\$346,500	\$0	\$0	\$676,500
	<30 Ft. Transit Coaches			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<30 Ft. Transit Coaches (DAR)			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Capital Funding - Section 5309			\$330,000	\$346,500	\$0	\$0	\$676,500
	Federal Cost (80%)			\$264,000	\$277,200	\$0	\$0	\$541,200
	State Cost (15%)			\$49,500	\$51,975	\$0	\$0	\$101,475
	Local Cost (5%, SPLOST)			\$16,500	\$17,325	\$0	\$0	\$33,825
	Total Capital Funding Section 5309			\$330,000	\$346,500	\$0	\$0	\$676,500

	Capital Item & Description	Quantity	Unit Cost	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	Total
SPLOST	Clean Diesel Low Floor Transit Coaches (Size to be determined)	1		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$555,751	\$555,751
	Local Option Sales Tax			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$555,751	\$555,751
	Federal Cost (0%)			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	State Cost (0%)			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Local Sales Tax (100%, SPLOST)			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$555,751	\$555,751
	Local Option Sales Tax			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$555,751	\$555,751

	Description	Bus Operators	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	Total
Section 5316	Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC)	2	\$135,000	\$150,000	\$165,000	\$180,000	\$630,000
	Night Owl Service (Pilot Program)						
	Funding - Section 5316		\$135,000	\$150,000	\$165,000	\$180,000	\$450,000
	Federal Cost (0%)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	State Agency (50%)		\$67,500	\$135,000	\$148,500	\$162,000	\$351,000
	Local Cost (50%)		\$67,500	\$15,000	\$16,500	\$18,000	\$99,000
	Total Funding Section 5316		\$135,000	\$150,000	\$165,000	\$180,000	\$450,000

	Description		FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	Total
Section 5317	New Freedom		\$86,129	\$98,129	\$110,129	\$122,129	\$416,516
				\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Funding - Section 5317		\$86,129	\$98,129	\$110,129	\$122,129	\$294,387
	Federal Cost (0%)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	State Agency (0%)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Local Cost (0%)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Total Funding Section 5317		\$86,129	\$98,129	\$110,129	\$122,129	\$294,387

	Description		FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	Total
ARRA Economic Stimulus 5340 STIP Page: Pending	Clean Diesel Low Floor Transit Coaches (Size to be determined)	4	\$320,000	\$1,280,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,600,000
	Clean Diesel Trolley	3	\$420,000	\$1,260,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,680,000
	Enhancements			\$109,671			\$109,671
	Security Equipment			\$120,000			\$120,000
	Funding - Stimulus			\$2,769,671	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Federal Cost (100%)			\$2,769,671	\$0	\$0	\$2,769,671
	State Agency (0%)			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Local Cost (0%)			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Total Funding Section 5317			\$2,769,671	\$0	\$0	\$2,769,671

Policy Coordinating
Committee Minutes

City Department: Metropolitan Planning Organization
Meeting Location: Tower Ground Floor Conf. Room
Date: February 27, 2009 **Time:** 10:30 a.m. **Adjourned:** 11:35 a.m.
Committee Members Present: Rick Jones, Angel Moore (Mayor Sonny Coulter), Anne Marie Turner, Tom Queen (Gerald Ross), Sam Wellborn, DeJarvis Leonard
Committee Members Absent: Mayor Jim Wetherington, Tillman Pugh, Bill English, MG Michael D. Barbero,

Rick Jones called the February 27, 2009 PCC meeting to order. Annette Gore called the roll. Rick Jones asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Sam Wellborn made a motion to approve. DeJarvis Leonard seconded the motion. Motion carried. All approved.

Robert Hughes and Radney Simpson from GA DOT joined us for the meeting thru a conference call.

✓ Lynda Temples gave her report on a resolution to amend the Columbus Section of the FY08-FY11 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Sam Wellborn made a motion to approve the resolution. Anne Marie Turner seconded the motion. Motion carried. All approved.

Lynda Temples gave a report on the amendments to the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) one which was Old Moon Road to Hancock Road. And the other one was from Old Moon Road to Turnberry Lane. Sam Wellborn made a motion to approve the amendments to the LRTP. DeJarvis Leonard seconded the motion. Motion carried. All approved.

Rush Wickes gave his report on the update of the GPS Model. Need an approval on phase 4 of the model. Sam Wellborn made a motion to approve. DeJarvis Leonard seconded the motion. Motion carried. All approved.

Vance Beck gave the AL Highway Status Report
Tom Queen gave the GA Highway Status Report

Rick Jones reported on the Rails to Trails Project and Felton Grant reported on the Whittlesey Road Widening Project.

Rick Jones went over the Implementation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. (ARRA) of 2009. Material had been passed out to the committee.

No other business meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

A RESOLUTION

94-09

Attachment "B"

94-09

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION/METRA TO SUBMIT APPLICATION(S) FOR, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS GRANT(S) AWARDED, FROM THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) FOR ALL APPROPRIATED ANNUAL YEARS FOR CAPITAL TRANSIT ASSISTANCE UNDER THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) OF 2009 AND TO CONTRACT WITH FTA FOR SECTION 5340 FUNDS, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY SHOULD THE APPLICATION(S) RECEIVE APPROVAL, AND AMEND THE TRANSPORTATION FUND BY THE AMOUNT OF THE AWARD.

WHEREAS, under The American Recovery And Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, the Secretary of the Department of Transportation, United States of America (USDOT) has been authorized to make grant(s) for transit capital improvement; and,

WHEREAS, the Columbus Department of Transportation/METRA is designated the recipient of these economic stimulus transit funding; and,

WHEREAS, the City owns and operates the Columbus Department of Transportation/METRA, in Columbus, Georgia which provides public transportation within the urbanized service area; and,

WHEREAS, the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) both indicate the amount of the Section 5340 funds to be obligated; and

WHEREAS, METRA may apply to FTA for a capital assistance contract covering one hundred percent (100%) of the eligible economic stimulus transit assistance for the City; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

(1)

That the Mayor or City Manager is authorized to apply to FTA on behalf of the City for Federal economic stimulus transit assistance;

(2)

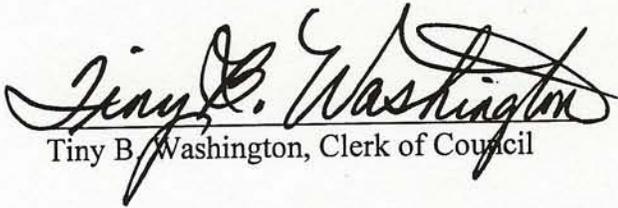
That the Mayor or City Manager is authorized to execute contracts in accordance with fiscal year expenses on behalf of the City with FTA for the purpose of receiving FTA ARRA funds should the application(s) be approved;

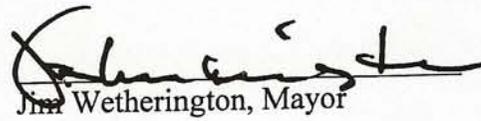
(3)

That the Department of Transportation/METRA is authorized to furnish such additional information as may be required in connection with the application(s).

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the ^{31st} day of March 2009 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of nine members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilor Anthony voting	<u>YES</u>
Councilor Baker voting	<u>YES</u>
Councilor Barnes voting	<u>YES</u>
Councilor Davis voting	<u>YES</u>
Councilor Henderson voting	<u>YES</u>
Councilor Hunter voting	<u>YES</u>
Councilor McDaniel voting	<u>YES</u>
Councilor Turner Pugh voting	<u>YES</u>
Councilor Woodson voting	<u>YES</u>


Tiny B. Washington, Clerk of Council


Jim Wetherington, Mayor

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Tiny Washington (Clerk of Council) of the Columbus Consolidated Government certifies that the foregoing is a true and corrected copy of a resolution, adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Columbus Council held on the 31st day of March, 2009.

Official Seal

(Signature of Recording Officer) *Tiny B. Washington*

(Title of Recording Officer) Clerk of Council

(Date) March 31, 2009

Columbus Consolidated Government
 Council Meeting

03/31/2009

Agenda Report # 370

TO: Mayor and Council
SUBJECT: Application for Economic Stimulus Capital Transit Assistance
INITIATED BY: Department of Transportation/METRA

Recommendation: Authorize the Department of Transportation/METRA to apply to the Federal Transit Administration for Federal Economic Stimulus Grant(s) for all appropriated annual years for capital transit assistance under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 and to contract with FTA for Section 5340 funding, and amend the Transportation Fund by the amount of the award.

Background: The city has applied for capital, grants to the Federal Transit Administration since 1972. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 Grant(s) are to be funded in the following manner.

Analysis: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009

Section 5340 Transit Capital

<u>Grant</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>FTA</u>	<u>Total</u>
Capital	5340	\$0 (0%)	\$2,968,483	(100%) \$2,968,483
Capital	5340	\$0 (0%)	*TBA (100%)	*TBA

*TBA = Federal funding pending To Be Awarded by FTA in the future

Financial Considerations: If the City chose not to apply for the ARRA grants, Columbus would be turning down economic stimulus funds intended to support national, state and local economic initiatives. ARRA initiatives are being developed to promote economic recovery, to stabilize budgets, to assist in jobs creation, to provide a diluting affect in reductions in essential public services such as transportation, and to provide investments designed to spur economic efficiencies.

Legal Considerations: A resolution from the City Council authorizing application for a grant, authorizing the City Manager or Mayor to apply for, accept ARRA funds, and to enter into a contract with the Federal Transit Administration. The intent is to further apply for ARRA funding in compliance with all applicable Federal Regulations governing appropriations at such time as said appropriations are made available.

Recommendations/ Actions: Authorize a resolution to approve for the City to submit an application for Federal Economic Stimulus Grant(s) for capital transit assistance, from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for all appropriated annual years under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Of 2009; and further authorizing the City Manager or Mayor to accept the grant, if approved, and enter into a contract with the Federal Transit Administration.

LOCAL

COLUMBUS COUNCIL AGENDA

Columbus Council meets for its first quarterly work session at 9 a.m. Tuesday on the plaza level of the Government Center. Call 706-653-4013 or go to <http://ccga1.columbusga.org/e-cap.nsf>

BRIGHT FROM THE START GRANT: Approval is requested to submit an application and, if approved, accept funds from the Georgia Department of Early Childcare and Learning Bright From the Start for a total of \$580,000 to continue the summer lunch and snack programs. These grants will cross over 2009 and 2010 fiscal years. There are two grants to be received from Bright From the Start: the snack reimbursement grant of approximately \$80,000 and the Summer Food Service Program grant for approximately \$500,000.

These programs are designed to offer nutritious lunches and snacks daily to the youth of Columbus enrolled in established recreation programs in the city of Columbus and any youth up to age 18 who wishes to participate in the free lunch program during the months of May, June and July.

The city is not required to put up any matching funds to participate in this grant and funding will be handled by reimbursement.

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION - FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS GRANTS - METRA: Authorization is requested to submit an application and, if approved, accept stimulus funds from the

Federal Transit Administration for Federal Economic Stimulus Grants for all appropriated annual years for capital transit assistance under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and to contract with FTA for Section 5340 Funding. The city has applied to the Federal Transit Administration for capital grants since 1972.

If the city chose not to apply for the ARRA grants, Columbus would be turning down economic stimulus funds intended to support national, state and local economic initiatives. ARRA initiatives are being developed to promote economic recovery, to stabilize budgets, to assist in jobs creation, to provide a diluting affect in reductions in essential public services such as transportation, and to provide investments designed to spur economic efficiencies.

A resolution from the city council authorizing application for a grant, authorizing the city manager or mayor to apply for, accept ARRA funds, and to enter into a contract with the Federal Transit Administration. The intent is to further apply for ARRA funding in compliance with all applicable Federal Regulations governing appropriations at such time as said appropriations are made available.

CONSENT AGENDA

April 1: Warm Springs Bike Trail - Phase One

This work shall consist of the construction of a multi-purpose concrete/asphalt trail, designated

as bike trail, all in accordance with the plans and specifications. The contractor shall be required to maintain public access to all residences located within the project area.

Hybrid Low Floor Electric Buses (Annual Contract)

The Consolidated Government of Columbus is seeking vendors to provide hybrid low floor electric buses to Department of Transportation/Metra on an "as needed basis". This contract will be five years with the intent to purchase up to five buses per year. Contract renewal will be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the city and the contractor.

14-Passenger Mini-Bus (Re-Bid)

Provide four 14-passenger mini-buses to be used by the Recreation Services Division of the Parks and Recreation Department.

April 22: Rest Stop for Warm Springs Bike Trail

This work shall consist of the construction of a rest stop for the Warm Springs Bike Trail and includes, but is not limited to, rest stop facility, gazebo and sitting area, bike racks, landscaping, parking lot, sidewalks, etc. The

project is located at the corner of 28th Street between Warm Springs Road and Talbotton Road.

WORK SESSION - AGENDA

Flood Assessment Update
Chattahoochee RiverWalk
Police Vehicles
Air Quality Presentation
Plan for Growth

CCG-TV PROGRAM LINE-UP

6 a.m. - Community Announcement
6:30 a.m. - The Benning Report
7 a.m. - The Army Newswatch
7:30 a.m. - Focus on Health
8 a.m. - CCG-TV News Watch
8:30 a.m. - Columbus Connection
9 a.m. - City Council Meeting
11 a.m. - Community Announcements
Noon - Columbus Connections
12:30 p.m. - CCG-TV News Watch
1 p.m. - Job TV
2 p.m. - MCSD Board Meeting
4:30 p.m. - UGA Extension on the Move
5 p.m. - CCG-TV News Watch
5:30 p.m. - Columbus Connection
6 p.m. - Informacion Hispana
6:30 p.m. - The Benning Report
7 p.m. - Council Meeting
9 p.m. - UGA Extension on the Move

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