



## **REQUEST FOR ACTION**

### **2026 Transit Program of Projects Federal Transit Administration**

**MEETING DATE:**

August 17, 2026

**ORIGINATING DEPT:**

Transit & Parking Services

**AGENDA SECTION:**

Public Hearings

**PRESENTER:**

Rachel Fautsch

### **Action Requested:**

Adopting a Resolution authorizing the filing of the 2026 Transit Program of Projects and the subsequent submission of grant applications and execution of grants.

### **Report Narrative:**

Public hearings on the Program of Projects for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have been held annually with updated expenditures and federal assistance. This is a public hearing to consider the 2026 Transit Program of Projects for the expenditure of federal transit assistance funds. The actual vendor contracts and expenditures are still subject to Council approval and reviewed at various phases of projects advance. The 2026 operating grant has been submitted.

The 2026 program identifies federal funding sources available to the City. These funds include the Federal Transit Administration's annual Section 5307 apportionment and prior year carryover amounts. Section 5307 funds can be used for operating or capital. The State requires that a portion of the federal funds be committed towards operating expenses. Federal dollars are not used for dial-a-ride operations.

The attached summary shows the available federal funds, and a description of how the City intends to commit those funds. This is referred to as the "Program of Projects". The projects are also identified in the City's adopted Capital Improvements Program and budget, Rochester Olmsted Council of Government's (ROCOG) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) as amended. The program only lists projects where federal funds will be used and does not reflect projects with only local and/or State funds.

### **Priorities & Foundational Principles:**

Quality Services

Fiscal Responsibility and Sustainability

### **Policy Considerations & DEI Impact:**

The funding provided by the Federal Transit Administration assists the Rochester Public Transit with its mission to provide an efficient and accessible public transit system that is convenient, safe, reliable, cost effective, and adaptable and supports the City's strategic priorities for affordable living, quality services for quality living, and economic vibrancy and growth management.

### **Prior Legislative Actions & Community Engagement:**

July 6, 2020: 2020 Transit Program of Projects Approved

June 7, 2021: 2021 Transit Program of Projects Approved  
September 19, 2022: 2022 Transit Program of Projects Approved  
September 6, 2023: 2023 Transit Program of Projects Approved  
August 19, 2024: 2024 Transit Program of Projects Approved  
August 18, 2025: 2025 Transit Program of Projects Approved

**Fiscal & Resource Impact:**

The total federal assistance available is \$17,178,236 with a net balance available after the 2026 Program of Projects is \$15,076,155. The actual vendor contracts and expenditures are still subject to Council approval and are reviewed at various phases as the projects advance.

The Transit Development Plan will be performed by the transit operator as a value add of their contract, these funds (\$240,000) will be placed back into the available federal funds and net balance available.

**Alternative Action(s):**

No alternative action is suggested at this time.

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**Attachments:**

[Exhibit - Hearing Notice 2026 Transit Program of Projects](#)

[Resolution - RPT 2026 Program of Projects](#)