Meeting Date: September 15, 2026
Consent Agenda: **FTA Bus Program Grant Applications – Replacement Buses**

BACKGROUND:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Program and Low or No Emission Grant Program provide federal funding to support the replacement, rehabilitation, and purchase of buses and related capital infrastructure.

GRTC has identified vehicle replacements within its five-year capital program based on fleet age, mileage, useful life, and anticipated replacement needs. Staff is seeking authorization to submit grant applications for federal funding to support the replacement of buses programmed for replacement in FY2028 and FY2029.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- The proposed applications support GRTC's ongoing fleet replacement and State of Good Repair program.
- The grant request includes buses identified for replacement in GRTC's fleet replacement schedule and five-year capital program.
- The proposed replacement vehicles are CNG buses and will replace existing vehicles as they reach or exceed their planned useful life.
- Federal funding will reduce the amount of state and local capital funding required to maintain GRTC's fleet in a State of Good Repair.
- Staff will coordinate the required local match and incorporate awarded funding into the applicable capital budget and grant program.
- The project is scalable based on the amount of federal funding ultimately awarded by FTA.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors authorize GRTC to submit applications to the Federal Transit Administration for funding through the Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Program and Low or No Emission Grant Program for the replacement of buses programmed in GRTC's FY2028 and FY2029 capital program and authorize the Chief Executive Officer or designee to execute all documents necessary to apply for and administer any resulting grant award.

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Ellen Robertson, Secretary Date
GRTC Board of Directors