



Meeting Date: September 19, 2026

Consent Agenda: FTA Bus and Bus Facilities Grant Applications – Permanent Downtown Transfer Hub

BACKGROUND:

GRTC is seeking federal funding through the Federal Transit Administration's Section 5339(b) Bus and Bus Facilities Competitive Grant Program to support development of a permanent Downtown Transfer Hub.

The project would advance GRTC's long-term goal of establishing a permanent downtown transfer facility that improves passenger amenities, operational efficiency, accessibility, safety, and connections between GRTC services and the surrounding downtown transportation network.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- The proposed project would support development of a permanent Downtown Transfer Hub to replace or succeed the current temporary downtown transfer facility.
- The project would provide improved passenger facilities and amenities while supporting more efficient transit operations in Downtown Richmond.
- The facility would enhance accessibility, safety, passenger comfort, and connections among GRTC routes and other transportation options.
- The project is consistent with GRTC's long-term capital planning and regional transportation objectives.
- GRTC will seek federal funding through FTA's competitive Section 5339(b) Bus and Bus Facilities Program and identify the required non-federal match through eligible state, regional, and/or local funding sources.
- The project may be scaled or phased based on the amount of federal funding awarded.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors authorize GRTC to submit an application to the Federal Transit Administration for funding through the Section 5339(b) Bus and Bus Facilities Competitive Grant Program for the Downtown Transfer Hub and authorize the Chief Executive Officer or designee to execute all documents necessary to apply for and administer any resulting grant award.

Ellen Robertson, Secretary
GRTC Board of Directors

Date