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Ordinance Establishing Grant Budget for the Fiscal Year 2016 FTA Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Grant

Department: Transportation Council District: All

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PURPOSE:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has awarded \$242,021 in federal funds under the Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program to the Greensboro Urban Area. The Section 5310 program supports projects that serve the special needs of transit dependent populations beyond traditional public transportation service, exceed the requirements of the ADA act, improve access to fixed route service and decrease reliance of complementary Paratransit service, and provide alternatives to public transportation. As the designated recipient for these funds, City Council approval is requested to establish the grant project budget ordinance

BACKGROUND:

The Greensboro MPO conducted a competitive selection process for funding. The Transportation Advisory Committee at the June 22, 2016 meeting awarded funding to the City of Greensboro Public Transportation Division/Greensboro Transit Authority and Guilford County Transportation and Mobility Services (TAMS) to support eligible operating expenses. Specifically, the City of Greensboro will use Section 5310 funding in the amount of \$167,819 to provide early morning dialysis trips during weekdays and Saturdays for seniors and individuals with disabilities who meet the program goal and when public transportation is insufficient, inappropriate, or unavailable. In addition, the City will provide paratransit service beyond the normal, fixed-route service hours. As the designated recipient for Section 5310 funds, the City of Greensboro Public Transportation Division is utilizing 10% or \$24,202 of the area allocation to support program administration costs, including administering the grant application and funding to the successful sub-recipient and ensuring that federal reporting requirements are met. Guilford County TAMS will use Section 5310 funding in the amount of \$50,000 to provide transportation services for elderly individuals with disabilities and low income individuals that are on the waiting list to access transportation to employment, education, and medical trips.

BUDGET IMPACT:

The City of Greensboro's local matching funds will be provided in the form of local In Kind Services.

City of Greensboro Operations Project \$167,819 Federal (80%)

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<u>\$ 41,955</u> Local (20%) In Kind Services \$209,774

Guilford County will provide the local matching funds to support their portion of the project from county property taxes allocated to the Transportation and Mobility Services (TAMS) program. The total project funding is as follows:

Guilford County Operations Project \$50,000 Federal (50%) <u>\$50,000</u> Guilford County (50%) In Kind Services \$100,000

Program administration costs up to 10% of the allocation may be charged to the grant and do not require a local match. Program administration will be performed by the City of Greensboro.

Program Administration \$24,202 Federal (100%)

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

The Transportation Department requests and recommends that the City Council approve the attached grant project budget in the amount of \$333,976 to support eligible project expenses.