Call for Public Hearing and Approval to Submit FY19 and FY20 FTA Grant Applications

Committee-of-the-Whole
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Applications for FY19 and FY20

- The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) authorizes grants for funding of Formula; State of Good Repair (SOGR); and Bus and Bus Facility projects.
- For FY 2019 and 2020, DART expects funding under the FTA Formula, State of Good Repair, and Bus and Bus Facilities programs.
- Funding for the local share of these projects is within current Budget and FY 2019 and FY 2020 Twenty-Year Financial Plan allocations.
- The formula grant amounts are estimates and may vary slightly depending upon the FTA Fiscal Years 2019 and 2020 Apportionments and Allocations.
Applications

- FY 2019 Formula Grant. The $61,145,362 ($48,916,289 FTA and $12,229,073 DART) grant will provide funding for capital preventive maintenance and security projects.

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Applications (cont’d)

- FY 2019 State of Good Repair Formula Grant. The $34,693,965 ($27,755,172 FTA and $6,938,793 DART) grant will provide funding for rail preventive maintenance.
- FY 2020 State of Good Repair Formula Grant. The $34,693,965 ($27,755,172 FTA and $6,938,793 DART) grant will provide funding for rail preventive maintenance.
- FY 2019 and 2020 Cotton Belt Grants. The $72,750,000 ($58,200,000 FTA and $14,550,000 DART) will provide Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) funding for Cotton Belt project costs.
- FY 2019 Cotton Belt Grant. The $6,250,000 ($5,000,000 FTA and $1,250,000 DART) will provide CMAQ funding for the Town of Addison’s Cotton Belt project costs.
Applications (cont’d)

- FY 2020 Hidden Ridge Station Grant. The $12,000,000 ($8,800,000 FTA and $3,200,000 City of Irving [already delivered]) will provide CMAQ funding for the design and construction of the Hidden Ridge Station.

- FY 2019 Inland Port Transportation Management Association (TMA). The $1,250,000 ($1,000,000 CMAQ and $250,000 Inland Port TMA) will provide funding for the implementation of the TMA.

- FY 2019 FTA Low or No (LoNo) Emission Program. DART applied for $7,500,000 ($5,250,000 FTA and $2,250,000 DART) for electric buses and chargers. This is a competitive program and subject to FTA selection for funding.
Applications (cont’d)

- FY 2019 FTA Innovations in Transit Public Safety Program. DART applied for $62,000 ($49,600 FTA and $12,400 DART) for activities Public Safety Announcements, a Summit and Virtual Training to increase public awareness and prevention of Human Trafficking on the DART system. This is a competitive program and subject to FTA selection for funding.
Considerations

- Approval of the grant applications will help achieve Board Strategic Priority 2: Optimize and preserve (state of good repair) the existing transit system; and Strategic Priority 6: Innovate to improve levels of service, business processes and funding.
- DART will be required to enter into a contractual agreement with FTA, the terms of which require DART to agree to comply with all rules and regulations concerning the expenditure of grant funds, including the requirement to receive public comments.
Recommendation

It is recommended the DART Board call a Public Hearing on August 12, at 12:00 noon and 6:00 pm to solicit public comments on the projects for the FY 2019 and FY 2020 FTA Grant Applications.