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To: Livingston County Board of Commissioners
From: Greg Kellogg, Transportation Director
Date: 10/25/2021
Re: Resolution Authorizing LETS to Apply for Capital Funding under the FY 2021 Section 5339(b) Bus and Bus Facilities Discretionary Grant Program – LETS

LET'S is requesting authorization to apply for capital grant funding in the amount of \$10 million under the FY 2021 Section 5339(b) Bus and Bus Facilities Discretionary Grant program. The 5339(b) program provides approximately \$410 million in competitive grant funding for projects that include the purchase of buses and related equipment and construction of bus-related facilities.

The application will include Federal funding of \$8 million with a State match of \$2 million, for a total application amount of \$10 million, to purchase land and construct a new facility in the Brighton area. The facility will serve as a satellite operations center for LET'S as well as a transit hub for Michigan Flyer and other regional transit connections, as recommended by the 2019 Transit Master Plan.

As you are aware, LET'S submitted an application to fund this project under the FY 2021 RAISE Discretionary Grant program in July 2021. The Federal Transit Administration has not announced awards for the RAISE program as of this writing. As I noted at the time RAISE is a very competitive grant program, so to maximize our chances of success I am asking for your approval to submit the same project with the same funding request under the 5339(b) program.

This application is the initial step in securing funds and planning for the facility. If awarded funding from the 5339(b) grant program LET'S will seek Board approval for acceptance of the funds and any subsequent activities, including architecture & engineering, environmental review, and property acquisition.

The application deadline is November 19, 2021. The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the 5339(b) grant program can be viewed [here](#). A brief overview of both facility components from the 2019 Transit Master Plan is attached to this resolution.

Thank you, and as always please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions at 517-540-7843.