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To: Livingston County Board of Commissioners
From: Greg Kellogg, Transportation Director
Date: March 27, 2023
Re: Resolution Authorizing LETS to Apply for Capital Funding under the FY 2023 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 2023 Section 5339(b) Bus and Bus Facilities Discretionary Grant program. The 5339(b) program provides approximately \$469 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.

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.

A comprehensive memo prepared by our partner on the 2019 Transit Master Plan, AECOM Great Lakes, is attached. The memo includes an updated Origin-Destination Analysis showing the distribution of LET'S trips across the County, which indicates that the proportion of trips centered around the Brighton area has not changed significantly since the Transit Master Plan was completed in 2019.

The application deadline is April 13, 2023. The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the 5339(b) grant program can be viewed [here](#).

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