



Dated: June 9, 2020
To: Fox Cities Transit Commission
Finance Committee
From: Ronald C. McDonald
General Manager

Subject: Acceptance of Federal Transit Administration FY 2020 CARES Act Section 5307 Urbanized Area grant of \$7,425,047.

Background:

On Friday, March 27, 2020, President Trump signed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act into law. The CARES Act provides emergency assistance and health care response for individuals, families and businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and provide emergency appropriations to support Executive Branch agency operations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Under the CARES Act, FTA has allocated \$25 billion to recipients of urbanized area and rural area formula funds, with \$22.7 billion to large and small urban areas and \$2.2 billion to rural areas. Funding is provided at a 100-percent federal share, with no local match required, and is available to support capital, operating, and other expenses generally eligible under those programs to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.

Operating expenses incurred beginning on January 20, 2020 for all rural and urban recipients, even those in large urban areas, are also eligible, including operating expenses to maintain transit services as well as paying for administrative leave for transit personnel due to reduced operations during an emergency.

Recommendation:

Recommend acceptance of the Federal Transit Administration FY 2020 CARES Act Section 5307 Urbanized Area grant of \$7,425,047 and subsequent budget amendments allowing for spending authority.

Respectfully,

Ron McDonald
General Manager