

## Minutes

### RTA Operational Planning & Infrastructure Committee

9:00 a.m. June 11, 2024

**Committee Members:** Welch (Chair), Love, Sleasman

**Other Board Members:** Koomar, Lucas, McPherson, Mersmann

**Not present:** Biasiotta, Pacetti, Weiss

**Staff:** Bailey, Birdsong Terry, Burney, Caver, Dangelo, Davidson, Fesler, Fields, Fleig, Garofoli, Gautam, Hudson, Jones, Jupina, Kirkland, Laule, Mothes, Rusnov, Schipper, Sulik, Sutula, Tarka, Togher, Walker-Minor, Woodford

**Public:** Gibbons, Hagar, Loh

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Three (3) committee members were present.

#### Law Enforcement Fund Amendment

Kay Sutula, Director of Office of Management & Budget and Orlando Hudson, Commander, Transit Police gave the presentation.

The Transit Police Department works with other law enforcement agencies through the FBI Cleveland Transnational Organized Crime Western Hemisphere Task Force.

Agencies that assist in an investigation that results in a forfeiture may request a share of the forfeited proceeds based on their contributions to the law enforcement effort. The agency must be a state, local or tribal government entity whose primary mission is law enforcement. The funding received must be reserved in a separate fund.

The participant's awarded share is based on both quantitative and qualitative factors. Funds are to be used for unbudgeted law enforcement items. These funds could be used for equipment, security items, personal protection equipment, training, and programs.

Agencies that are in the Department of Justice Equitable Sharing Program include:

- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
- Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF)
- Defense Criminal Investigative Service (DCIS)
- Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE)
- Among others

The current budget appropriation in the Law Enforcement Fund is \$25,000. These funds have been used for personal protective equipment, vehicles, or other needs of the Transit Police Department. They are requesting an increase of \$25,000 to purchase (2) 2021 motorcycles for the Transit Police traffic unit. These motorcycles are currently under a lease program set to expire next month. Leasing 2024 vehicles would cost \$41,000. It is more advantageous to the Authority for these vehicles to be purchased. The total appropriation for the year would be \$50,000.


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Staff recommends the Operational Planning & Infrastructure Committee to present the Amended Law Enforcement Budget resolution to the full Board for approval. It was moved by Mr. Love, seconded by Mr. Sleasman and approved to move to the full Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 a.m.



Rajan D. Gautam  
Secretary/Treasurer



Theresa A. Burrage  
Executive Assistant