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**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**



*Victoria F. Sheehan*  
*Commissioner*

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Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan  
and the Honorable Council  
State House  
Concord, NH 03301

Bureau of Rail & Transit  
June 15, 2016

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Authorize the Department of Transportation to pay the City of Nashua, (Vendor 177441) Nashua, NH, an amount not to exceed \$300,000 to provide a portion of the funds required to match Federal Transit Administration grant funds for the acquisition of eight replacement buses for the City of Nashua, effective upon Governor and Council approval and available until expended. 100% Capital General Funds.

Funding is available in the State fiscal year 2017 capital budget as follows:

04-096-096-960030-7547	<u>SFY 2017</u>
Capital Projects	
034-500160 Major Equipment	\$300,000

**EXPLANATION**

The State Capital Budget (Ch. 220:I-XVI-A.3. Public Transit, Laws of 2015), (HB25), includes funds to match grants from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for buses and public transit facilities. The City of Nashua has obtained FTA funds for the procurement of eight (8) compressed natural gas (CNG) buses. Federal funds will provide 85% of the estimated total project cost (\$4,000,000) and the required 15% non-Federal match will be evenly comprised of 7.5% City funds and 7.5% State Capital Budget funds. The State Capital Budget funds made available for this bus procurement shall not to exceed \$300,000 and pursuant to the provisions of the State Capital Budget, the Department will reimburse the City of Nashua upon approval of Governor and Council and the submission of an invoice to the Department for the delivered vehicles.

The provision of State funds assists public transit agencies to access Federal funds to maintain a fleet of transit vehicles in a state of good repair which enables transit systems to operate at optimal efficiency, thus providing the quality of service that riders have come to expect.

The Department has certified that the necessary funds are available. Your approval of this resolution is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,

Victoria F. Sheehan  
Commissioner