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5339 pass-through funds (Need letter of Commitment by Thursday)

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Leah,

In responding to your questions about the VW settlement funding. These funds would be eligible for the local share towards the purchase of the electric bus using 5339 funds.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Janette Vomund

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On Mon, Mar 4, 2019 at 9:36 AM Leah Christian <Leah.Christian@como.gov> wrote:

Hi Janette,

Please see the below email approval from the FTA to use 5339 funds to purchase an additional electric bus as part of the LowNo contract we already have in place.

These are the 5339 funds that you and I have been discussing since I started this position in October. They are the 5339 funds from 2013, and part of 2014, that were cobbled together and obligated to Columbia before I started this position.

As you know, we were also recently awarded matching funds for the purchase of this bus through the VW settlement funding, which requires that we submit a purchase order for the bus by April 10.

In order to do this, we must submit a request for the appropriation of the funds to our City Council by this Thursday. The last time we spoke about this you said that you could provide a letter off commitment from MoDOT for the funding (~\$392,00) so that we could appropriate the funds and complete the purchase order in time for the VW settlement funds.

Please let me know if this is still the case and when we can expect this letter. It will be a great loss to our transit division, which is already undergoing tremendous budget cuts, if we are not able to receive the VW settlement funds for this bus because this deadline cannot be met.

In addition, if MoDOT is able to submit a letter of commitment by this Thursday, we would also need a MODOT letter of approval to use the 5339 funds as match for the VW settlement funds (we have already received official approval from FTA and DNR for this).

Thank you,

Leah

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