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WeGo Public Transit applauds FY23-24 Metro budget

NASHVILLE – The Metro Council approval of the FY2023-24 budget will allow WeGo Public Transit to fully fund current service and fare levels and allow for service expansion in the upcoming year. It also includes \$12.2 million in one-time funds to advance a high-capacity transit project in the Murfreesboro Pike Corridor to Antioch and Nashville International Airport.

"Combined with \$2 million from a prior year capital spending plan appropriation, we have \$14.2 million to advance the Murfreesboro Pike project. We expect to be into the development process later this year, soliciting proposals for the necessary environmental, planning, modeling, and design services necessary to prepare the project for Federal funding," WeGo CEO Steve Bland said. "We thank Nashville Mayor John Cooper and his staff for the support for this important project."

"This approved budget will allow WeGo to provide expanded frequency and service hours on our key routes based upon the Council-adopted Metro Nashville Transportation Plan. It is very good news for our riders," Nashville Metropolitan Transit Authority (Nashville MTA) Board Chair Gail Carr Williams said.

The \$71,890,900 operating budget includes supplemental funding for extending service to Lawson High School in Bellevue.

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About WeGo Public Transit

Nashville Metropolitan Transit Authority (Nashville MTA) and the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) are operating bodies of WeGo Public Transit, which serves 25 local bus routes, nine regional bus routes, and one train serving Davidson and Wilson counties.

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