

## 36. CATS and Charlotte Mecklenburg School System Service Agreement

**Action:**

- A. Adopt a resolution approving a one-year cost-sharing agreement with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School system for the #51 Pineville-Matthews bus service in the amount of \$63,930, and**
- B. Authorize the City Manager to renew the agreement for up to two additional years with minor adjustments to the operating costs.**

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### Explanation

- The primary source of operating revenue for CATS derives from the half cent sales tax that is levied throughout Mecklenburg County, for which CATS provides service.
- The current #51 Pineville-Matthews Road bus route operates from Carolina Place Mall in Pineville, via Highway 51 through Charlotte, and terminates at the park and ride lot across from Windsor Square Shopping Center in Matthews.
- Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) is beginning a program for high school students at the Levine campus of Central Piedmont Community College in Matthews.
  - It is a CMS honors program that allows the high school students to earn college credit tuition-free.
  - CMS desires transportation services for students to and from that program.
- CATS will extend one trip in the morning and one trip in the afternoon, on the #51 Pineville-Matthews bus route, to accommodate the needs of students at the Levine campus.
- The extended trips will be open to the public and will provide benefit to other citizens in the Highway 51 corridor who travel to the Levine campus.
- The CMS contribution, in the amount of \$63,930 for Fiscal Year 2015, constitutes 100% of the cost to extend the two trips to the Levine campus.

### Funding

Charlotte-Mecklenburg School Contributions

### Attachment

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