



# Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

## Legislation Text

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A resolution amending Exhibit A to Resolution RS2023-2144 to reallocate funds, which appropriated \$400,125 in American Rescue Plan Act Funds to WeGo, in partnership with Historically Black Colleges and Universities, to allow students, faculty and staff access to public transportation.

WHEREAS, Resolution RS2023-2144 appropriated \$400,125 in American Rescue Plan Act Funds to WeGo, in partnership with Historically Black Colleges and Universities (“HBCU”), to allow students, faculty and staff access to public transportation; and,

WHEREAS, Exhibit A to Resolution RS2023-2144 provided an estimate of the cost for each college and university to utilize the funding; and,

WHEREAS, there are funds remaining at 8/31/24 of \$85,534, and WeGo has requested that the remaining balance be shared among the colleges and universities as needed until the funds are depleted, provided that date is on or before 12/31/26; and,

WHEREAS, it is to the benefit of the citizens of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County that this resolution be approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. The Metropolitan Council accepts this resolution as a recommendation of the COVID-19 Financial Oversight Committee.

Section 2. That Exhibit A to Resolution RS2023-2144 is hereby amended by permitting the colleges and universities to equally access the remaining funds allocated to WeGo as needed until the funds are depleted, provided that date is on or before 12/31/26.

Section 3. That this Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

### Analysis

This resolution amends Exhibit A to Resolution No. RS2023-2144 to reallocate American Rescue Plan Act (“ARP”) funds to WeGo, in partnership with Historically Black Colleges and Universities (“HBCUs”), to provide public transportation access to students, faculty and staff.

RS2023-2144 appropriated \$400,125 in ARP funds to provided unlimited free rides to all students, faculty, and staff at participating HBCUs in Nashville. The funding was allocated as follows:

- Tennessee State University - \$238,875
- Fisk University -- \$30,000
- Meharry Medical College -- \$25,000
- American Baptist College -- \$6,250

As of August 31, 2024, \$85,534 in funding remained. WeGo requested that the remaining balance be shared among the colleges and universities. The resolution under consideration would allow these colleges to access the remaining funding as needed until the funds are depleted or December 31, 2026.