



Finance Committee Agenda

City of Newton In City Council

Monday, July 8, 2024

The Finance Committee will hold this meeting as a hybrid meeting on Monday, July 8, 2024, at 6:30 pm in the City Council Chambers. To view this meeting using Zoom use this link: <https://newtonma-gov.zoom.us/j/89580149417> or call 1-646-558-8656 and use the following Meeting ID: 895 8014 9417

Items scheduled for discussion:

Chair's Note: *The Committee will meet jointly with Public Safety & Transportation to discuss the following item.*

Referred to Public Safety & Transportation and Finance Committees

- #260-24** **Transfer \$650,000 to the Fire Rescue Full Time Salaries**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of six-hundred thousand fifty dollars (\$650,000) from FY25 Reserve Funds- Current Year Wage Reserve (0110498-519700) to FY25 Fire/Rescue- Full Time Salaries (0121022-511001)
- #265-24** **Acceptance of \$190,000 from MassDOT's Community Grant Program**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend the sum of one hundred ninety thousand dollars (\$190,000) in grant funding from MassDOT's Community Transit Grant Program FY24 for the City's senior transportation program.
- #261-24** **Transfer \$25,000 to the FY24 Health & Human Services Admin- Full Time Salaries**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) from FY24 Reserve Funds- Current Year Budget Reserve (0110498-579000) to FY24 Health & Human Services Admin- Full Time Salaries (0150101-511001)

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

- #241-24** **Appropriate \$72,608,506 for the construction of the Franklin School Project**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of seventy-two million six-hundred-eight thousand five-hundred-six dollars (\$72,608,506) and authorize a general obligation borrowing of an equal amount for the construction of the Franklin School project and authorization to apply any premium received upon the sale of the bonds or notes, less the cost of preparing, issuing, and

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marketing them, and any accrued interest received upon the delivery of the bonds or notes to the costs of the project and to reduce the amount authorized to be borrowed for the project by like amount. The amount authorized to be borrowed by and under this order shall be reduced to the extent that any grants are received by the City from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) for this project.

Public Facilities Approved 6-0-1 (Councilor Gentile abstained) on 06/20/24

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard Gentile, Chair



Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

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June 10, 2024

Honorable City Council
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
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Dear Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable City Council requesting authorization to transfer the sum of six-hundred fifty-thousand dollars (\$650,000) from FY25 Reserve Funds – Current Year Wage Reserve (0110498-519700) to FY25 Fire/Rescue – Full Time Salaries (0121022-511001).

With the recent signing of the FY25-FY27 IAFF Firefighters contract, the Fire Department will require additional funds to supplement the FY25 operating budget. As the contract was not executed at the time the City Council had approved the budget, we now need to ensure the FY25 wage increases are reflected in the Fire Department's budget. These funds will allow the department to have enough funds to cover personnel costs in FY25.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

DRAFT

ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Public Safety & Transportation Committee through its Chair Rebecca Walker Grossman and the Finance Committee through its Chair Leonard Gentile, authorization to transfer the sum of six-hundred thousand fifty dollars (\$650,000) from FY25 Reserve Funds- Current Year Wage Reserve (0110498-519700) to FY25 Fire/Rescue- Full Time Salaries (0121022-511001) be and is hereby approved as follows:

FROM:	Current Year Wage Reserve (0110498-519700).....	\$650,000
TO:	Fire/Rescue- Full Time Salaries (0121022-511001).....	\$650,000

Under Suspension of Rules
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(SGD) CAROL MOORE
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June 10, 2024

Honorable City Council
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Honorable City Councilors:

I respectfully submit this docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to accept and expend \$190,000 in grant funding from MassDOT's Community Transit Grant Program SFY24 for the City's senior transportation program.

The City will be contracted with GoGo Technologies, Inc. to provide this service. The grant supplements City funding to support the program. I have separately docketed a discussion item regarding the new program. While seniors are the core program target, the program will also provide service to 18+ disabled and low-income individuals.

Attached is a memo from Planning & Development Director Barney Heath requesting the docket item and the grant award letter from the MassDOT.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Mayor Ruthanne Fuller



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Barney S. Heath
Director

MEMORANDUM

Date: June 10, 2024
To: Maureen Lemieux, Chief Financial Officer
Jonathan Yeo, Chief Operating Officer
From: Barney Health, Director of Planning & Development
Subject: Request to Docket Item to Accept MassDOT Community Transit Grant Program
SFY24

We request approval to accept and expend \$190,000 in grant funding from MassDOT's Community Transit Grant Program SFY24 for Newton Senior Transportation.

The City is contracted with GoGo Technologies, Inc. to provide the new City-wide transportation system for Newton's older adults, low-income households and individuals with a disability.

Attached:

- Award Letter



Maura Healey, Governor
Kimberley Driscoll, Lieutenant Governor
Monica Tibbitts-Nutt, Acting Secretary & CEO
Meredith Slesinger, MassDOT Rail & Transit Administrator



November 6, 2023

Nicole Freedman
City of Newton
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton Centre, MA 02459

Dear Nicole Freedman:

On behalf of Governor Healey and Lieutenant Governor Driscoll, I am pleased to notify you that the City of Newton has been competitively selected to receive a State Fiscal Year 2024 Community Transit Grant Program award for the following project:

Newton Senior Transportation Operating FY24 in the amount of \$190,000

Through this funding, we are pleased to support your efforts to expand mobility for older adults and individuals with disabilities in Massachusetts.

In the coming weeks, you will receive further instructions from the MassDOT Transit Division detailing next steps, including any necessary budgetary revisions. In the meantime, please feel free to contact Rachel Fichtenbaum, Manager of Grant Programs and Mobility Management, at Rachel.L.Fichtenbaum@dot.state.ma.us with any questions.

Thank you for your continued commitment to improving mobility in the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

Meredith Slesinger

Meredith Slesinger
MassDOT Rail and Transit Administrator

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

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ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee through its Chair Leonard Gentile, the authorization to accept and expend the sum of one hundred ninety thousand dollars (\$190,000) in grant funding from MassDOT's Community Transit Grant Program FY24 for the City's senior transportation program, is hereby approved.

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(SGD) CAROL MOORE
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(SGD) RUTHANNE FULLER
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June 10, 2024

Honorable City Council
Newton City Hall
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Dear Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable City Council requesting authorization to transfer the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) from FY24 Reserve Funds – Current Year Budget Reserve (0110498-579000) to FY24 Health & Human Services Admin – Full Time Salaries (0150101-511001).

With the recent signing of the FY24 Nurses Association contract, the Health and Human Services department will need additional funds to cover FY24 payments.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

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ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee through its Chair Leonard Gentile, authorization to transfer the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) from FY24 Reserve Funds- Current Year Budget Reserve (0110498-579000) to FY24 Health & Human Services Admin- Full Time Salaries (0150101-511001) be and is hereby approved as follows:

FROM:	Current Year Budget Reserve (0110498-579000).....	\$25,000
TO:	HHS Admin- Full Time Salaries (0150101-511001).....	\$25,000

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May 28, 2024

Honorable City Council
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Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of seventy-two million six-hundred-eight thousand five-hundred-six dollars (\$72,608,506) and authorize a general obligation borrowing of an equal amount for the construction of the Franklin School project.

Further, I request that your Honorable Council authorize any premium received upon the sale of the bonds or notes, less the cost of preparing, issuing and marketing them, and any accrued interest received upon the delivery of the bonds or notes be applied to the costs of the project being financed by the bonds or notes and to reduce the amount authorized to be borrowed for the project by a like amount.

The project design includes a geothermal heating and cooling system, for which we expect to receive federal tax incentive rebates totaling roughly \$5,600,000. Should the City receive these anticipated tax rebates, we will ask your Honorable Council to reduce the authorized borrowing.

More information can be found on the project website, at <https://www.newtonma.gov/government/public-buildings/capital-projects-investing-now-for-newton-s-future/school-projects/franklin>

We look forward to discussing this very important project with members of the Council. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor



CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS
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May 20, 2024

Ruthanne Fuller, Mayor
Newton City Hall
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Re: Franklin School Project

Dear Mayor Fuller:

The Public Buildings Department requests \$71,458,506.00 to fund the Franklin Elementary School project through completion. These funds will complement the previously authorized \$100,000 of ARPA funding, and \$1,150,000 of funds from docket item #126-23 which funded the feasibility phase of design, to yield a total project budget of \$72,608,506 as shown in the attached backup.

The project design includes a geothermal heating and cooling system, and we are slated to receive federal tax incentive rebates totaling roughly \$5,600,000.

For additional information please see the project page at:
<https://www.newtonma.gov/government/public-buildings/capital-projects-investing-now-for-newton-s-future/school-projects/franklin>

Sincerely,

Josh Morse
Public Buildings Commissioner

cc: Maureen Lemieux, Chief Financial Officer
Jonathan Yeo, Chief Operating Officer
Alex Valcarce, Deputy Buildings Commissioner

CATEGORIES OF THE BUDGET	APRA Funding	#126-23	Requested	Total Project Budget
ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 765,750.00	\$ 5,296,580.00	\$ 6,062,330.00
OWNER'S PROJECT MANAGER		\$ 300,000.00	2,330,776.00	\$ 2,630,776.00
SITE/ENVIRONMENTAL		\$ 64,250.00	\$ 390,750.00	\$ 455,000.00
OTHER		\$ 20,000.00	\$ 665,000.00	\$ 685,000.00
PROJECT CONTINGENCY			\$ 350,000.00	\$ 350,000.00
CONSTRUCTION			\$ 58,000,000.00	\$ 58,000,000.00
CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY			\$ 2,900,000.00	\$ 2,900,000.00
TECHNOLOGY			\$ 575,000.00	\$ 575,000.00
FF&E			\$ 950,400.00	\$ 950,400.00
TOTAL PROJECT EXPENDITURE BUDGET	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 1,150,000.00	\$ 71,458,506.00	\$ 72,608,506.00

CITY OF NEWTON

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ORDERED:

That the City of Newton appropriate the amount of seventy-two million six-hundred-eight thousand five-hundred-six dollars (\$72,608,506) for the purpose of paying costs for the construction of the Franklin School Project, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), which Project will provide for a school facility that has an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children of at least 50 years, said amount to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Buildings. To meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor of the City of Newton, is authorized to borrow said amount under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority.

Any premium received upon the sale of the bonds or notes, less the cost of preparing, issuing and marketing them, and any accrued interest received upon the delivery of the bonds or notes shall be: (i) applied, if so provided in the loan authorization, to the costs of the project being financed by the bonds or notes and to reduce the amount authorized to be borrowed for the project by like amount; or (ii) appropriated for a project for which the city has authorized a borrowing, or may authorize a borrowing, for an equal or longer period of time than the original loan, including any temporary debt.

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