

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**AGREEMENT WITH THE LOUISVILLE METRO GOVERNMENT FOR CHOICE
NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION GRANT
SMART STOP BUS SHELTER REPAIR**

Item No. 5D

WHEREAS, the Louisville Metro Housing Authority was awarded a \$1,000,000 Choice Neighborhoods Initiative (CNI) Action Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on June 28, 2016 to complete several improvements within Russell that would enhance and accelerate the neighborhood's transformation; and

WHEREAS, the Louisville Metro Government contributed an additional \$375,000 towards these improvements, which included the design and construction of five SmART Stop bus shelters that cost approximately \$50,000 each; and

WHEREAS, due to vandalism and material failures, the bus shelter adjacent to St. Peter's United Church of Christ at 1407 W. Jefferson Streets is now in severe disrepair and requires extensive repairs to return it into use as a safe and attractive community amenity; and

WHEREAS, per the SmART Stop Maintenance Agreement executed on June 11, 2018, LMHA and LMG share joint ownership of the shelters, as well as the responsibility for their repairs; and

WHEREAS, LMG has agreed to contribute up to \$40,000 for repairs to this SmART Stop's, and LMHA staff can provide in-kind project management to implement these repairs.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LOUISVILLE METRO HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that the Executive Director and Contracting Officer, Lisa Osanka, is hereby authorized to enter into an Agreement with Louisville Metro Government where they agree to reimburse LMHA in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 for repairs to the bus shelter at 1407 W. Jefferson Street, and LMHA will contribute in-kind project management services.

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I. STATEMENT OF FACTS:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and Metro Louisville provided the initial Choice Neighborhoods funds to complete several improvements or “Action Activities” within Russell that would enhance and accelerate the neighborhood’s transformation. These improvements included the design and construction of five SmART Stop bus shelters near key neighborhood destinations with high public transit ridership.

The SmART Stop bus shelter located in front of the historic St. Peter’s United Church of Christ (UCC) at 1407 W. Jefferson St., which was constructed in 2019, was designed in collaboration with Russell residents and stakeholders during a robust community engagement process.

The original structure consists of an arched steel frame with wood and plexiglass panels, and a modified church pew for seating. Multiple acts of vandalism, coupled with Louisville’s weather extremes have left the panels and seating in a severe state of disrepair which detracts from other nearby investments. To bring the shelter back into use as a safe and attractive community amenity, the structure’s damaged elements need to be replaced with durable materials that will deter vandalism and minimize the need for future repairs.

The maintenance agreement executed in June 2018 between LMG, LMHA and TARC, states that LMG and LMHA share ownership of the five bus shelters, and responsibility for repairs. TARC provides regular maintenance only and minor repairs, such as graffiti removal, through a second party provider.

As part of the Agreement, LMG has agreed to reimburse LMHA for needed repairs to the SmART Stop bus shelter at 1407 W. Jefferson Street in an amount not to exceed \$40,000, and LMHA will provide project management to implement these repairs.

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II. ALTERNATIVES:

- A. Authorize LMHA's Executive Director to enter into an Agreement with LMG for the needed repairs.
- B. Do not provide authorization at this time.

III. RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Alternative "A".

IV. JUSTIFICATION:

- The SmART Stop bus shelters are part of on-going efforts to catalyze Russell's revitalization and attract additional investment to the neighborhood.
- Repairs and modifications to the existing structure will reestablish protection from the elements that will likely increase the shelter's use by transit riders.
- These repairs will further enhance the renovation of St. Peter's United Church of Christ and the Baxter Community Center, and the new park that will be created at 13th and Muhammad Ali Boulevard, which are all set to begin in early 2023, along with other nearby investments such as the Village @ West Jefferson retail/commercial building.

V. BUDGET APPROVAL:

Funds in an amount up to \$40,000 are being provided to the Louisville Metro Housing Authority to repair the SmART Stop bus shelter at 1407 W. Jefferson Street from the Louisville Metro Government.

Aaron Dean, Director of Finance

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VI. PROCUREMENT CERTIFICATION:

Entering into this Agreement with the Louisville Metro Government is in compliance with the Louisville Metro Housing Authority's procurement policies and procedures.

Steve Webb, Purchasing Agent

Date

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