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sources of funding for Alternative Transportation Fund

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Thu, Feb 16, 2023 at 4:03 AM

To: Jeffrey Underwood <underwoj@bloomington.in.gov>

Cc: Larry Allen <allenl@bloomington.in.gov>, Stephen Lucas <lucass@bloomington.in.gov>

Hi Jeff,

At last night's city council meeting, the city's Alternative Transportation Fund was portrayed as having nothing to do with parking revenue. From that the conclusion was drawn that the city council's sidewalk fund also has nothing to do with parking revenue.

My understanding was that there is, in fact, a surplus from the neighborhood parking zone program, that is, under city code, required to be transferred into the Alternative Transportation Fund. Further, my understanding was that the city augmented the Alternative Transportation Fund with additional money, and that the ATF is used for not just the council's sidewalk projects, but also other projects under direction of planning and transportation.

Question: Is there, in fact, no actual surplus from the neighborhood parking zone program that goes into ATF? (If there's a surplus, what was it for the past year?)

Here's the remark from councilmember Volan, in case you have any response to it, which I'm happy to include in my write up.

-----Begin Steve Volan-----

The money that's going to sidewalks that this committee oversees is not, I repeat, it is not coming from parking revenues. I'm going to read you a paragraph from the 2017 parking commission report. It's been going on this long. This is on page 28 of the report. And it's under the section about neighborhood zone revenues. I quote:

City code required revenues from neighborhood zone permits to be deposited into the alternative transportation fund, city account number 454, calling for surplus revenues from the neighborhood zone program to be used to quote "reduce the community's dependency on the automobile." Unquote. In practice, this fund became the source of the city council's sidewalk fund. But the mayor has regularly budgeted, and the council has regularly approved, a transfer into the alternative transportation fund of non-parking related capital dollars for such use.

-----End Steve Volan-----

Thank you for any help you can give me on this.

--Dave

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Hi Jeff!

Just wanted to circle back to see if I could get an answer to my question about the alternative transportation fund.

Thanks!

--Dave

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Mon, Feb 27, 2023 at 11:46 AM

Dave,

I have chatted with Jeff and can reply to your question.

The Neighborhood Permit & Parking program is budgeted for and spent out of the Alternative Transportation Fund directly, so any surplus (if any) is already in the fund. There are two sources of funding in support of the budget for the Alternative Transportation Fund.

- 1) Revenues generated by the Neighborhood Parking Permit program, including permits fees and enforcement.
- 2) A transfer from the Cumulative Development Fund.

Hope this helps,
Andrew

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Mon, Feb 27, 2023 at 12:03 PM

Hi Andrew,

That does not help at all. It simply recites known information.

Translating the question into the terms of your emailed response: How much has the transfer into the Alternative Transportation Fund been for the last five years, or for whatever period information is handy.

What Volan is claiming is that there's actually nothing under (1) so that as a practical matter, the only transfer is from the cumulative development fund.

Thanks for any help you can give me on this.

--Dave

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Mon, Feb 27, 2023 at 12:14 PM

I'll check in with Jeff. Thanks.

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