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SUBJECT: Arcadia Drive Property/Greenville Transit Authority Grant Match

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In September 2018, Greenville Transit Authority (GTA) was awarded an \$11 million grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation to help build a modern maintenance facility. The new facility will be larger, around 60,000 square feet, and will be able to accommodate approximately 50 vehicles including GTA's new electric-powered buses. The cost of the facility is estimated to be \$20 million and the grant requires local matching funds of \$2.75 million. GTA will sell the land the current facility sits on and the proceeds will be applied to the project. The City of Greenville has committed to provide \$1.4 million of the local match.

GTA needs a minimum of 13 acres centrally located with access to main traffic arteries. The County has identified County-owned property along Arcadia Drive (tax map number 0176.00-01-002.01) as a favorable location. It is the former home of the New Washington Heights High School. The land is currently zoned R-7.5 and is vacant. In November 2018, an appraisal was done by Charles Crider, MAI and Andrew Stoddard, MAI on the 26.58 +/- acres and was valued at \$1.145 million. A portion of the site is in the flood plain and would not be suitable for building a structure.

I recommend this property be transferred to the Greenville Transit Authority as the County's contribution to the local share of the grant match.

