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### **City receives federal contribution to JET**

The City of Jonesboro received approval this week of a request for federal funds to build a canopy to protect buses and drivers at the Jonesboro Economical Transportation headquarters.

The 80 percent donation from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration will be matched by the city with an in-kind contribution of up to 1.49 acres of property valued \$49,000.

The canopy to be installed at JET headquarters, 2630 Lacy Drive, will be 110 feet by 20 feet and designed to cover 10 buses, JET Transit Coordinator Michael Black said.

"This is an administrative facility to protect buses and drivers from the elements," Black said, stressing that no city tax receipts will be used for the project. "We do expect that this will extend the life and quality of our buses, as well as give our drivers a little bit of comfort."

Mayor Harold Perrin called the approval "another example of how the City of Jonesboro stretches a dollar."

"We work hard to find federal money that some city is going to get for these projects that so many places need," Perrin said. "If you work hard, there's a lot that can be done without using taxpayer dollars."

Black said construction bids will go out soon, and construction likely won't start until early 2017.

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