

FY 2025 CONSOLIDATED TRANSIT FUNDING APPLICATION

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Siouxland Regional Transit System and the Sioux City Transit System in cooperation with the Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council (SRTS/SCTS/SIMPCO) at the Sioux City Transit System, 505 Nebraska Street, Sioux City, Iowa at 11:45 a.m., on May 15, 2024. The purpose for this hearing is to consider the operating and capital assistance from the Federal Transit Administration and the Iowa Department of Transportation for Iowa State Transit Assistance, 49 U.S.C. Section 5310, 49 U.S.C. Section 5311, 49 U.S.C. Section 5339, 49 U.S.C. Section 5307 and CMAQ funding for fiscal year 2024.

The Siouxland Regional Transit System (SRTS) will pursue operating funds from the Iowa Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311/5310 funding in the amount of \$734,178 and State Transit Assistance (STA) in the amount of \$375,175. These funds are matched with contract and other local revenues to provide transit services for Cherokee, Ida, Monona, Plymouth, and Woodbury counties in Iowa.

SRTS will pursue capital funds from the Iowa Department of Transportation, Section 5339 funding to replace one (1) 176" light duty bus with camera video surveillance system and signage to total the amount of \$155,000, federal funds (85%) and local funds (15%).

In addition, SRTS will pursue funding from the Iowa Department of Transportation, Section 5339 or STBG funds for the following items to support the new bus facility. A new forklift \$50,000, a new shop and bus storage floor scrubber \$40,000. The total for facility equipment is \$90,000. Federal funds (80%) and local funds (20%).

The Sioux City Transit System (SCTS) will pursue operating funds from the FTA in the amount of \$2,877,765 from 49 U.S.C. Section 5307, \$149,330 from 49 U.S.C. Section 5310, and \$494,951 from Iowa State Transit Assistance (STA). These funds are matched with local funding sources, contracts, and farebox revenues to provide public transit services to the Sioux City urban area on a scheduled routine for the fixed route and demand response services.

SCTS will pursue funding to procure the following capital items to ensure and support the success of the transit system within the Sioux City urban service area.

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) gives the name of the capital project sponsor, a description of the project, the estimated overall project cost, the amount, and the source of the federal and state funding to be used. Regarding rolling stock, procurement takes place only if funding is awarded that pays 85% of the cost.

There is a total of fifteen (15) vehicles that have reached the FTA useful life milestone but are not yet funded for replacement. These vehicles include six (6) heavy duty (HD) buses, three (3) medium duty (MD) buses and six (6) light duty cutaway vans, and two (2) utility service trucks. Two service trucks would be funded through 5307 Operating Apportionments. Three heavy duty bus replacements are intended to be battery electric buses (BEB). At the 80% subsidy, the federal amount for the BEB would be \$2,720,000. Two (2) Tier 1 electric bus charging stations are included for the fiscal year, total cost \$162,250, with a federal amount of 80% or \$129,800. To replace 15 vehicles, the total estimated cost would come to \$7,610,900. The federal amount of subsidy equals \$6,299,265. The estimated cost of six (6) heavy duty (HD) buses is \$5,254,100; three (3) @ 85% the cost is \$1,575,985 and three (3) @ 80% the cost is \$2,720,000. The estimated cost of three (3) medium duty (MD) buses is \$1,264,200; @ 85% the cost is \$1,074,570. The estimated cost of six (6) light duty cutaway vans is \$1,092,600; @ 85% the cost is \$928,710. A new Transit Maintenance & Storage Facility is estimated to cost \$13,500,000. A Federal 5339 Grant would pay \$10,800,000 of that amount if awarded. HVAC replacements/improvements at the MLK Transportation Center would cost \$775,000; at a 75% subsidy,

the state amount would be \$581,250 through PTIG funding. Mobile Fare Pay/AVL system would cost \$400,000 funded with 100% Federal grant funds.

The projects will have no significant environmental impact on this area. No persons, families, or businesses will be displaced by the listed transit projects. The projects are in conformance with the 2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Unless amended, the initial Program of Projects will become the final Program of Projects.

The public is urged to attend this meeting. Public access will be provided to the extent reasonably possible at the Sioux City Transit System Conference Room, 509 Nebraska Street. It is recommended that public comment be relayed via telephone. To call in please dial 720.843.2719 and enter access code 6617071#.

If you cannot attend, written comments can be submitted to the Sioux City Transit Operations Supervisor, 509 Nebraska St., Sioux City, Iowa 51101, or to the Regional Transit Director 6401 Gordon Drive, Sioux City, Iowa 51106 no later than 11:45 a.m. on May 15, 2024.