

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG) Board of Directors at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, April 30, 2026 at the ECICOG office at 700 16th St NE Suite 301 Cedar Rapids. The purpose of this hearing is to solicit citizen input regarding the FY 2026 Consolidated Transit Application. The Region 10 transit planning area includes the counties of Benton, Iowa, Johnson, Jones, Linn, and Washington.

This hearing will discuss an application from the East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG) to the Iowa Department of Transportation for financial assistance for FY 2026 transit operating and capital needs. ECICOG will request federal and state transit assistance amounting to approximately \$1,795,905 and \$839,835 respectively for the support of day-to-day operations for Corridor Rides Transit, which consists of the following public transit providers: Benton County Transportation, Iowa County Transportation, Johnson County SEATS, Jones County JETS, Linn County LIFTS, Washington County Mini Bus, 380Express and CorridorRides vanpool. ECICOG will also request federal transit assistance to support the following planned capital equipment activities (cost estimates per unit are noted):

- Replace 7 minivans (\$105,400)
- Replace 9 light-duty buses with 138" wheelbase (\$161,200)
- Replace 7 light-duty buses with 158" wheelbase (\$165,400)
- Replace 11 light-duty buses with 176" wheelbase (\$164,000)
- Replace 7 Medium Duty Buses (\$231,900)

The total estimated cost of these capital purchases is \$5,150,400. If approved, federal funds will be matched with local financing on an 85% federal - 15% local basis. These projects will not have significant detrimental environmental effects on the area and no persons or businesses will be displaced by these activities. The transit projects are in conformance with the Region 10 FY 2026-2029 TIP.

Any interested person or agency is invited to attend this hearing and speak for or against these projects. Written comments will be accepted by ECICOG through the date and time of the public hearing specified above. For additional information, contact Brock Grenis at telephone (319) 289-0070; or email brock.grenis@ecicog.org