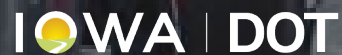




CY 2027 Intercity Bus Program **Recommendation** **Transportation Commission Workshop**



Intercity Bus vs. Public Transit

Three main types of public transit services

- **Fixed Route** – services are provided by our 19 urban transit agencies. This type of transit is delivered with set routes, stops, and time points. No advanced reservations are necessary.
- **ADA Complimentary Paratransit** – services are provided by our 19 urban transit agencies. At a minimum, this type of transit is set 3/4-mile around a fixed route. Passengers must meet ADA requirements and reservations are required. Pick-up and drop-off are at desired locations.
- **Demand Response** – services are provided by our 16 regional transit agencies. Reservations are required with pick-up and drop-off at desired locations.

Intercity Bus vs. Public Transit Cont.

Intercity Bus services are provided by 3 carriers in Iowa

- This type of transportation is delivered with set routes, stops, and time points including the ability to transfer passengers between providers.
- Advanced reservations/ticketing are necessary.
- Integrates connections between non-urbanized (rural) locations and urban areas.
- Links intermodal facilities that provide the travelling public access to the network of local and regional transit systems, other intercity providers, airports, and passenger rail services.
- Supports the connection between non-urbanized areas and the larger regional and national transportation systems.

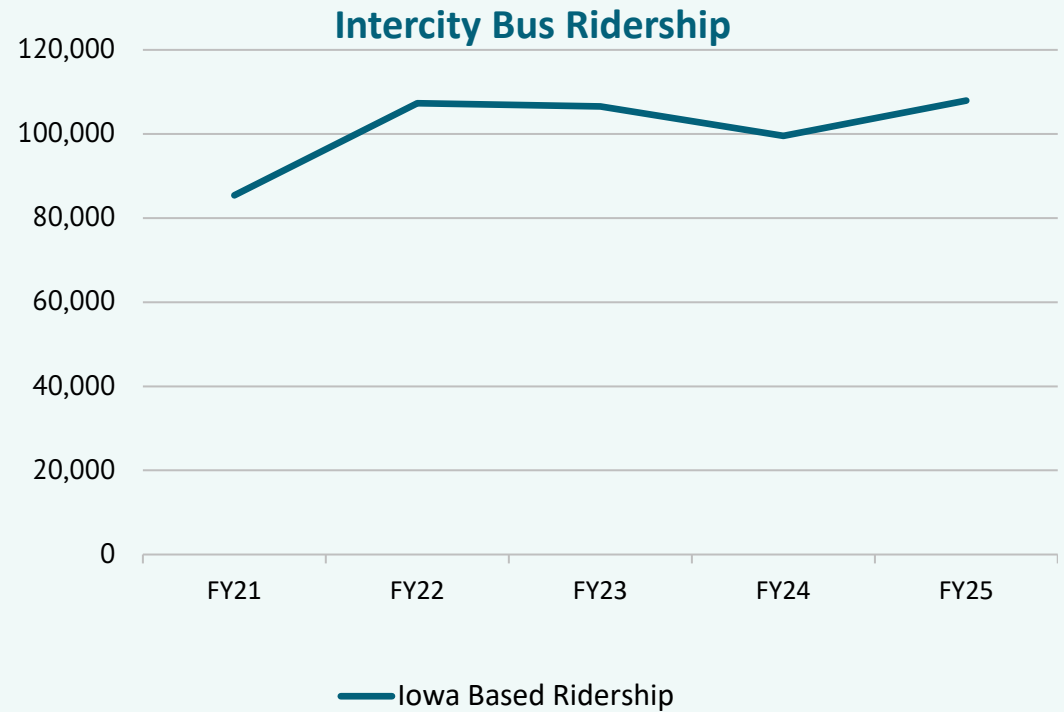


Intercity Bus Program

- Purpose: Support intercity bus service that includes stops at non-urbanized locations and makes meaningful connections to the nationwide network.
- Available to private intercity bus companies, companies wishing to start bus service, public transit agencies either operating or proposing to operate bus service, and local communities wishing to support intercity connections to their community.
- Each state must spend at least 15-percent of its annual apportionment of FTA Formula Grants for Rural Areas money for the development and support of intercity bus transportation, unless it can certify, after consultation with intercity bus service providers, that the intercity bus needs of the state are being adequately met.

ICB Ridership

- Iowa Based Ridership
 - FY21: 85,416
 - FY22: 107,349
 - FY23: 106,546
 - FY24: 99,535
 - FY25: 107,943



Funding Priorities

Iowa's program has two components

In priority order:

1. Iowa based Operating Deficit (including marketing).
 - 50% Federal with a 50% match.
2. Support for intercity bus capital improvements.
 - Over the road motorcoaches, vertical infrastructure, vehicle renovations/improvements, ADA improvements to vehicles and facilities.
 - 85% Federal with a 15% match for ADA vehicles.
 - 80% Federal with a 20% match for all other capital projects.



Available Funding and Application Summary – CY27

Available Funding

- Total Intercity Bus Funds Available: **\$ 4,896,603**
- 15% of federal non-urbanized (FTA Section 5311) transit funding:
 - FFY26 5311(f) Funding: \$2,745,555
 - FFY25 5311(f) Funding – Unobligated: \$1,471,133
 - Available Funding from Open Grants: \$679,915

Application Summary

- Total number of projects: 21
- Total Number of projects recommended: 16
- Total project costs: \$18,414,018
- Total amount requested: \$8,234,905
- Total amount recommended: **\$4,534,243**
- Remaining Balance: \$362,360

List of Recommended Projects – CY2027

- Greyhound Lines
 - Iowa Based Operations
 - 6 Routes Requested
 - 6 Routes Recommended
 - Capital Projects
 - 4 Motor Coaches Requested
 - 1 Motor Coach Recommended

Greyhound Lines	Total Project Cost	Requested Amount	Recommended Amount
Support for Operations			
6 Routes	\$5,446,569	\$1,582,073	\$1,582,073
Support for Capital			
Motor Coach	\$881,240	\$749,054	\$749,054
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Total	\$8,971,529	\$4,578,289	\$2,331,127

List of Recommended Projects – CY2027 Cont.

- Jefferson Lines
 - Iowa Based Operations
 - 8 Routes Requested
 - 8 Routes Recommended
 - Capital Projects
 - 3 Motor Coaches Requested
 - 1 Motor Coach Recommended

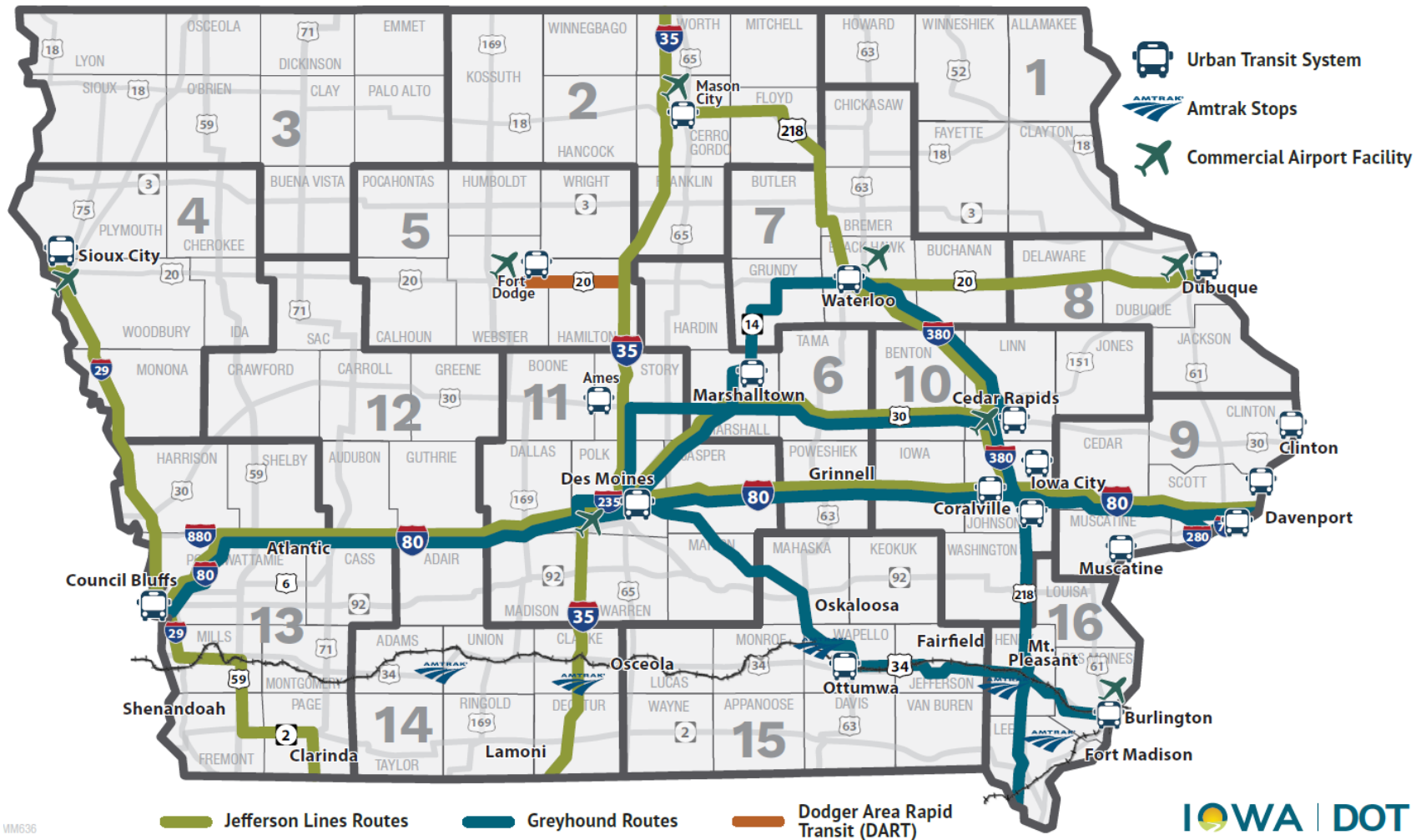
Jefferson Lines	Total Project Cost	Requested Amount	Recommended Amount
Support for Operations			
8 Routes	\$6,877,489	\$1,476,366	\$1,476,366
Support for Capital			
Motor Coach	\$855,000	\$726,750	\$726,750
Motor Coach	\$855,000	\$726,750	\$0
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Total	\$9,442,489	\$3,656,616	\$2,203,116

Summary of Recommended CY2027 Funding

- Greyhound Lines
 - Iowa Based Operations – 6 Routes
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 - Iowa Based Operations – 8 Routes
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Iowa Intercity Bus Routes



Questions?

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