

# CY 2017 Intercity Bus Program

Presented to the Transportation  
Commission

November 8, 2016

# Intercity Bus Program

15% of state's federal non-urbanized (5311) transit funding must be used for support of intercity bus services (unless the Governor certifies need has been met). Average yearly funds available is \$2 million.

Intercity bus services must include stops at non-urbanized locations and must make meaningful connections to nationwide network.

# Intercity Bus Program

Eligible participants in the program:

- Private intercity bus companies
- Companies wishing to start intercity bus service
- Public transit agencies either operating or proposing to operate intercity bus services
- Local communities wishing to support intercity bus connections to their community.

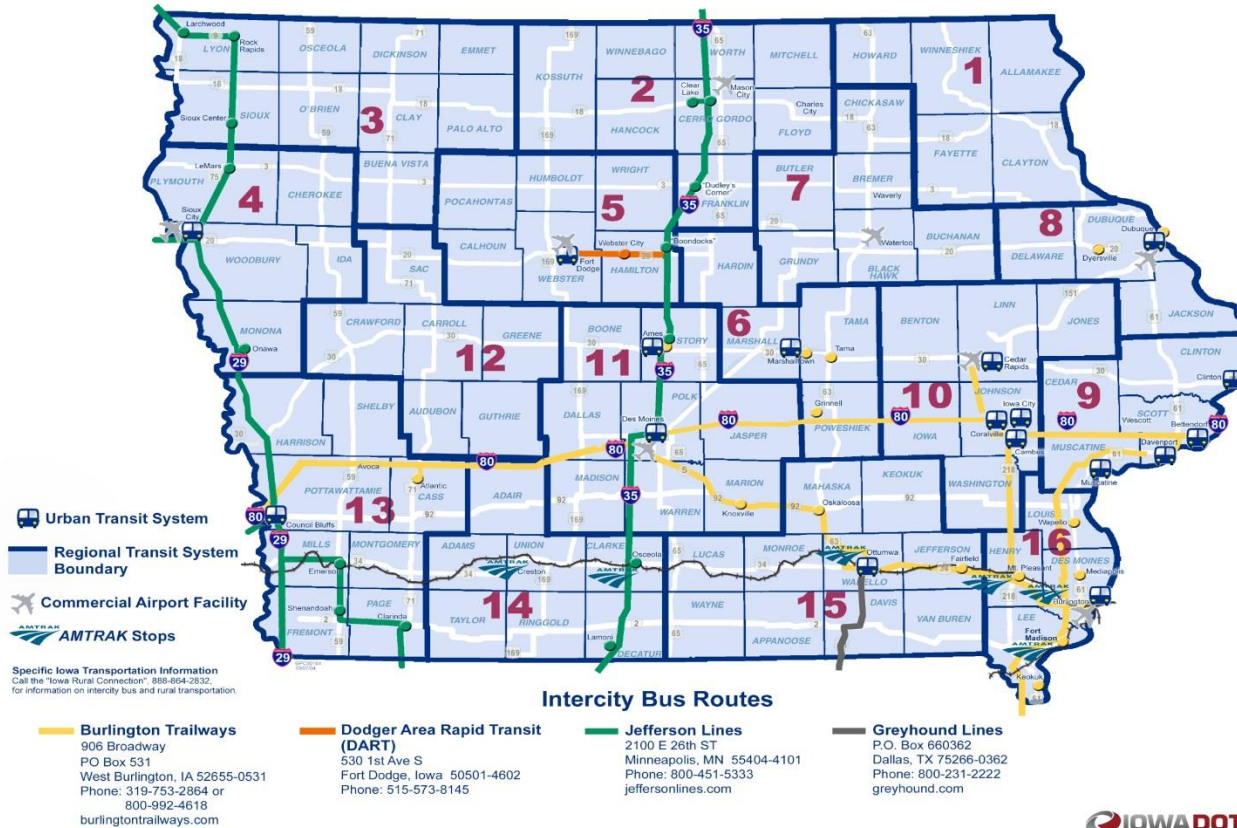
# Intercity Bus Program

Iowa's program has four components in priority order:

- Base level support of existing services (\$.20 per revenue mile)
- Start-up support for new services (three years at \$.50 per revenue mile)
- Support for marketing of intercity bus services and interlined services (maximum \$7,500 for existing routes per agency and \$12,000 per each new route with 20% local match required)
- Support for intercity bus capital improvements (over the road coaches, vertical infrastructure, vehicle renovations/improvements, ADA improvements to vehicles and facilities). Vehicles require a 15% local match while all other capital projects require 20% local match.

# Intercity Bus Map

## Iowa Passenger Transportation Services



# Intercity Bus Program

Total available funds for CY 17: \$1,870,861

8 applications received requesting \$5,438,414

- Burlington Trailways
- MIDAS (Region 5 Public Transit)
- City of Dubuque Public Transit
- Jefferson Lines

Recommending 8 projects for \$1,870,861

# Intercity Bus Program

## Burlington Trailways

	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
• Existing Service Support	\$285,053	\$285,053
• Davenport Hub	\$3,890,400	\$884,762

## City of Dubuque Transit

• Marketing-Intermodal Facility	\$7,500	\$7,500
---------------------------------	---------	---------

## Midas Council of Government

• Marketing-Existing Service	\$7,500	\$7,500
------------------------------	---------	---------

# Intercity Bus Program

<u>Jefferson Lines</u>	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
• Existing Service Support	\$165,231	\$165,231
• Marketing-Existing Service	\$7,500	\$7,500
• Operating Iowa Travel Center	\$48,600	\$0
• Two Over-the-Road Coaches	\$1,026,630	\$513,315



# Summary of Funding Recommended

Burlington Trailways	\$1,169,815
City of Dubuque Transit	\$7,500
MIDAS Council of Governments	\$7,500
Jefferson Lines	\$686,046
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,870,861</b>

# CY 15 Ridership/Cost per Ride

## Jefferson Lines

Ridership –64,356

Revenue Miles –826,153

Funds for Operating Expenses - \$142,482

Operating Cost per Ride - \$2.21

# CY 15 Ridership/Cost per Ride

## Burlington Trailways

Ridership –205,528

Revenue Miles –1,411,296

Funds for Operating Expenses -\$282,260

Operating Cost per Ride - \$1.37

## Questions?

- For more information on Iowa's public transit programs, visit [www.iatransit.com](http://www.iatransit.com).

