

A photograph showing the interior of a bus, looking down a central aisle. The seats are dark blue with brown headrests and seatbacks. The bus has large windows on both sides, and the ceiling is white with recessed lighting. The perspective is from the front of the bus looking towards the back.

CY25 Intercity Bus Program
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Intercity Bus vs. Public Transit

There are three main types of public transit services: fixed route , ADA complimentary paratransit, and demand response.

- 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 the 16 regional transit agencies. Reservations are required with pick-up and drop-off at desired locations.

Intercity Bus vs. Public Transit

Intercity Bus services are provided by 5 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 vs. Public Transit



Jefferson Lines



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Intercity Bus Program

- Purpose: Support intercity bus services that include stops at non-urbanized locations and makes meaningful connections to 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 no less than 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.



Intercity Bus Map

Iowa Passenger Transportation Services

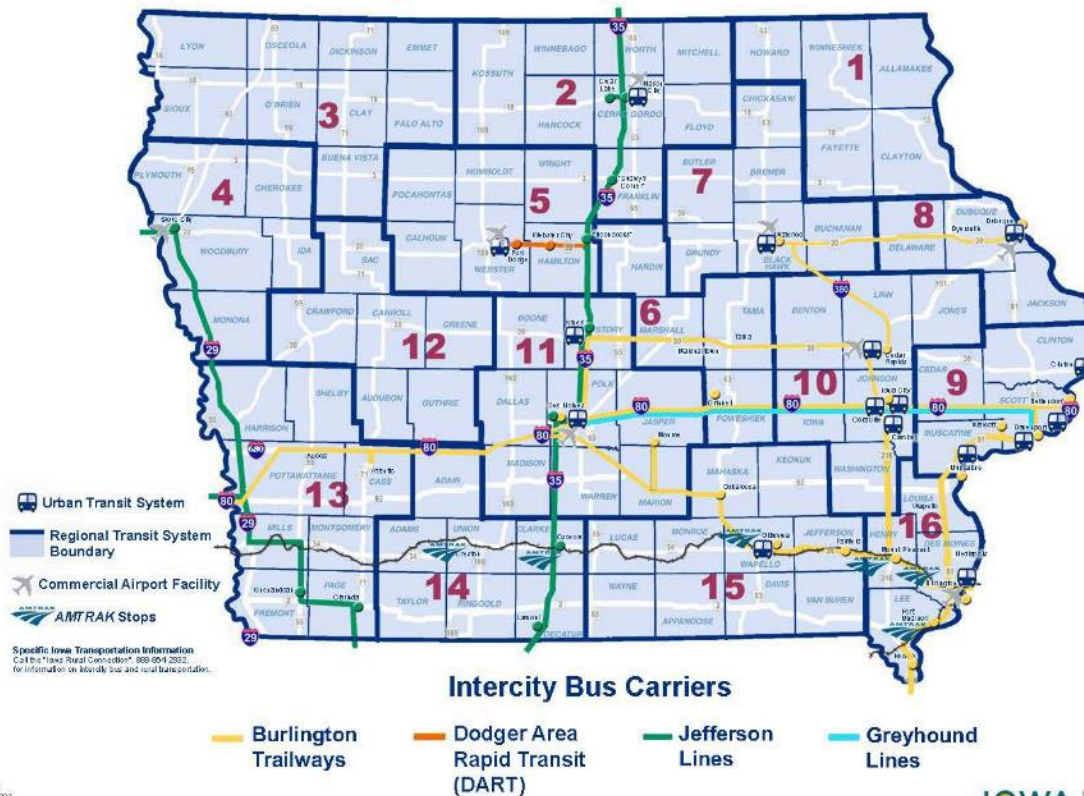


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Funding Priorities

Iowa's program has four components

- In priority order:

1. Base level support of existing service
 - \$0.20 per revenue mile
2. Start-up support for new services
 - Three years at \$0.50 per revenue mile
3. 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
4. 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.



Available Funding and Application Summary - CY25

- **Available Funding**
 - Total Intercity Bus Funds Available: \$3,513,223
 - 15% of federal non-urbanized (FTA Section 5311) transit funding
 - FY24 5311(f) Funding: \$2,627,951
 - FY23 5311(f) Funding – Unobligated: \$885,272
- **Application Summary**
 - Total number of projects: 9
 - Total number of projects recommended: 8
 - Total project costs: \$6,938,779
 - Total amount requested: \$3,142,016
 - Total amount recommended: \$2,185,829
 - Remaining Balance : \$1,327,394

List of Recommended Projects - CY25

Burlington Trailways

BURLINGTON TRAILWAYS	TOTAL PROJECT COST	REQUESTED AMOUNT	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT
Purchase Two Over-The-Road Motorcoaches	\$1,673,463	\$1,422,443	\$1,422,443
Existing Service Support	\$750,973	\$750,973	\$0
Total	\$2,424,436	\$2,173,416	\$1,422,443

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Greyhound Lines

GREYHOUND LINES	TOTAL PROJECT COST	REQUESTED AMOUNT	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT
Start-Up Service Support	\$854,100	\$65,700	\$65,700
Total	\$854,100	\$65,700	\$65,700

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Jefferson Lines

JEFFERSON LINES	TOTAL PROJECT COST	REQUESTED AMOUNT	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT
Purchase One Over-The-Road Motorcoach	\$722,684	\$614,281	\$614,281
Existing and Start-Up Service Support	\$2,817,474	\$192,551	\$48,138
Marketing	\$9,375	\$7,500	\$7,500
Mason City Travel Information Center - Rent	\$23,100	\$18,480	\$4,620
Des Moines Depot - Rent	\$78,235	\$62,588	\$15,647
Total	\$3,650,868	\$895,400	\$690,186

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City of Fort Dodge

CITY OF FORT DODGE	TOTAL PROJECT COST	REQUESTED AMOUNT	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT
Marketing	\$9,375	\$7,500	\$7,500
Total	\$9,375	\$7,500	\$7,500

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Questions?



For more information on Iowa's public transit and intercity bus programs, visit www.iowadot.gov/transit

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