FFY 2020 Federal Bus Replacement Discretionary Funding
Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program

• Purpose: Federal Transit Administration (FTA) program to assist in the financing of buses and bus facility capital projects, including replacing, rehabilitating, purchasing or leasing buses or related equipment, and rehabilitating, purchasing, constructing or leasing bus-related facilities

• Eligible Applicants: Designated recipients that allocate funds to fixed route bus operators, states, local governmental authorities that operate fixed route bus service, Native American tribes
Project Evaluation Criteria

- Demonstration of need for capital investment in bus vehicles and/or supporting facilities
- Demonstration of benefit for how the project will improve transit system condition, service reliability, and enhance access and mobility
- Demonstration of how the project is consistent with transit priorities identified in the long range plan
- Local financial commitment
- Project implementation strategy
- Demonstration of technical, legal and financial capacity to undertake the project
Available Funding and Funding Recommendation

• **Available funding**
  – $464 million offered in FFY 2020
  – 282 project submitted nationwide totaling approximately $1.8 billion in funding requests
  – 96 projects funded nationwide averaging $4.8 million each
  – Iowa DOT awarded $5.54 million

• **Funding recommendation**
  – Replace 26 old vehicles operating beyond their federal useful life at 8 public transit agencies
  – Utilized Public Transit Management System process
    • Points awarded based on age and mileage
    • Prioritize highest points down
Transit System Vehicle Replacements

4 Transit Systems in urbanized areas > 200,000 population
8 Transit Systems in urbanized areas 50,000 to 200,000 population
7 Transit Systems in small urban areas < 50,000 population
16 Regional Transit Systems

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QUESTIONS?

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