

## FY 2023 CONSOLIDATED TRANSIT FUNDING APPLICATION

### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Siouxland Regional Transit System and the Sioux City Transit System in cooperation with the Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council (SRTS/SCTS/SIMPSCO) at the Sioux City Transit System, 505 Nebraska Street, Sioux City, Iowa at 3:00 p.m., on April 20, 2022. The purpose for this hearing is to consider the operating and capital assistance from the Federal Transit Administration and the Iowa Department of Transportation for Iowa State Transit Assistance, 49 U.S.C. Section 5310, 49 U.S.C. Section 5311, 49 U.S.C. Section 5339, 49 U.S.C. Section 5307 and CMAQ funding for fiscal year 2023.

The Siouxland Regional Transit System (SRTS) will pursue operating funds from the Iowa Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311/5310 funding in the amount of \$958,591 and State Transit Assistance (STA) in the amount of \$473,468. These funds are matched with contract and other local revenues to provide transit services for Cherokee, Ida, Monona, Plymouth, and Woodbury counties in Iowa.

SRTS will pursue capital funds from the Iowa Department of Transportation, Section 5339 funding to replace thirteen (13) 176" light duty buses with camera video surveillance systems and signage, total amount \$1,300,000, federal funds \$1,105,000 (85%) and local funds \$195,000 (115%).

In addition, SRTS will pursue funding from the Iowa Department of Transportation, Section 5339 funds, STBG funds or PTIG funding for the following items to support the new bus facility, new automated Bus Wash for \$300,000, Vehicle Maintenance equipment including vehicle lift, shop tools, jacks for \$75,000, new Floor Scrubber for \$75,000, new Shop Truck with air compressor and snowplow for \$95,000, and a new Forklift for \$60,000. The total for the facility support equipment is \$605,000, federal funds \$484,000 (80%) and local funds \$121,000 (20%).

The Sioux City Transit System (SCTS) will pursue operating funds from the FTA in the amount of \$1,651,769 from 49 U.S.C. Section 5307, \$107,445 from 49 U.S.C. Section 5310, and \$410,799 from Iowa State Transit Assistance (STA). These funds are matched with local funding sources, contracts, and farebox revenues to provide public transit services to the Sioux City urban area on a scheduled routine for the fixed route and demand response services.

SCTS will pursue funding to procure the following capital items to ensure and support the success of the transit system within the Sioux City urban service area.

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) gives the name of the capital project sponsor, a description of the project, the estimated overall project cost, the amount, and the source of the federal and state funding to be used. Regarding rolling stock, procurement takes place only if funding is awarded that pays 85% of the cost.

There is a total of sixteen (16) vehicles that have reached the FTA useful life milestone but are not yet funded for replacement. These vehicles include eight (8) heavy duty (HD) buses, three (3) medium duty (MD) buses and five (5) light duty cutaway vans, and two (2) utility service trucks. Two heavy duty bus replacements are intended to be battery electric buses (BEB). At the 85% subsidy, the federal amount for the BEB would be \$1,530,000. Two (2) Tier 1 electric bus charging stations are included for the fiscal year, total cost \$136,000, with a federal amount of 80% or \$108,800. To replace 16 vehicles, the total estimated cost would come to \$5,892,294. The federal amount of subsidy equals 85% or \$5,008,450. The estimated cost of eight (8) heavy duty (HD) buses is \$4,782,894; @ 85% the cost is \$4,065,460. The estimated cost of three (3) medium duty (MD) buses is \$599,400; @ 85% the cost is \$509,490. The estimated cost of five (5) light duty cutaway vans is \$510,000; @ 85% the cost is \$433,500. A new Transit Maintenance & Storage Facility is estimated to cost \$10,000,000. A Federal 5339 Grant would pay \$8,000,000 of that amount if awarded. Cooling Tower replacement at the Martin Luther King

Transportation Center would cost \$234,000. At an 80% subsidy, the state or federal amount would be \$187,200.

The projects will have no significant environmental impact on this area. No persons, families, or businesses will be displaced by the listed transit projects. The projects are in conformance with the 2023 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Unless amended, the initial Program of Projects will become the final Program of Projects.

The public is urged to attend this meeting. Public access will be provided to the extent reasonably possible at the Sioux City Transit System Conference Room, 509 Nebraska Street. It is recommended that public comment be relayed via telephone. To call in please dial 602.580.9575 and enter access code 6617071#.

If you cannot attend, written comments can be submitted to the Sioux City Transit Operations Supervisor, 509 Nebraska St., Sioux City, Iowa 51101, or to the Regional Transit Director 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa 51105 no later than 3:00 PM on April 20, 2022.