

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Moorhead, Minnesota Proposed Program of Projects and Budget for Transit Operating, Planning and Capital Assistance from the Federal Transit Administration

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the City of Moorhead on Monday, August 12, 2013, at 5:45 p.m. in the First Floor Council Chambers, 500 Center Avenue, Moorhead, MN for the purpose of considering projects for which Federal Section 5307 transit operating, planning and capital assistance funds are being sought. A Proposed Program of Projects and Budget is detailed below.

At the hearing, the City of Moorhead will afford an opportunity for affected citizens, private transportation providers and local elected officials to be heard with respect to the projects proposed. Written comments on the Proposed Program of Projects may be submitted in advance of the public hearing to: Lori Van Beek, Transit Manager, City of Moorhead, 500 Center Avenue, P.O. Box 779, Moorhead, MN 56561. Upon request, accommodations for individuals with disabilities, language barriers, or other needs to allow participation in meetings will be provided. To arrange assistance, call the City Clerk's Office at 218-299-5166 (voice) or 711 (TDD/TTY).

A copy of the application for a Federal grant for the proposed projects and the current Transportation Improvement Program for the area are currently available for public inspection at the City Clerk's Office, 500 Center Avenue, Moorhead, Minnesota. Unless advertised again, the proposed projects contained in this advertisement are expected to become the final projects. A Final Program of Projects will be available to the public in the City Clerk's Office on August 16, 2013.

URBANIZED AREA: Fargo, ND - Moorhead, MN

APPLICANT: City of Moorhead, MN

TRANSIT SERVICE AREA OF PROJECT: City of Moorhead, MN

Section 5307 Federal Apportionment for FY2012	\$ 556,572
Section 5307 Federal Apportionment for FY2013	\$ 707,281
Surface Transportation Funds for FY2013	\$ 40,000
Total Federal Funds Requested	\$1,303,853

PROGRAM OF PROJECTS DESCRIPTIONS	Local Share	Federal Share	Project Totals
I. CAPITAL PROJECTS			
A. 20%/80% Funding			
1. Maintenance Cost Funded as Capital	\$ 40,000	\$ 160,000	\$ 200,000

2. 10% of ADA Costs Funded as Capital	\$ 28,222	\$ 112,888	\$ 141,111
3. Replacement <30 Paratransit Bus	\$ 15,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 75,000
4. Replacement Mini-Van	\$ 5,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 25,000

II. PLANNING ASSISTANCE

A. 20%/80% Funding

1. Transit Planning for Jan. 2013 through Dec 2014	\$ 8,401	\$ 33,599	\$ 42,000
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III. OPERATING ASSISTANCE

A. Maximum Federal Funding (up to 50% funding)

1. Eligible net operating expenses of the Moorhead Transit System for the period of Jan. 2013 through Dec. 2014	\$ 917,366	\$ 917,366	1,834,731
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Program of Project Totals

\$1,013,989 \$1,303,853 \$2,317,842

NOTE: Local Share includes State funding.

D. Other Project Considerations

1. Relocation

No persons, families or businesses will be displaced by these projects.

2. Environment

These projects will not have a significant environmental impact upon the transit service area identified above.

3. Comprehensive Planning

This project is in conformance with comprehensive land use and transportation planning for the area and is consistent with the adopted program of projects in the Transportation Improvement Program for the Fargo-Moorhead urbanized area.

4. Elderly and Handicapped

This project takes into consideration the special transportation needs of the elderly and disabled by providing half-fare bus service during all hours of operation, along all fixed routes, to elderly persons and individuals with disabilities as well as providing MAT Paratransit, wheelchair accessible service on a demand responsive basis to disabled persons of any age who are ADA Paratransit Eligible, and Metro Senior Ride service on a demand responsive basis to elderly persons 60 years and older.

5. Charter Bus Operations

The City of Moorhead will not be engaging in charter bus operations.

6. School Bus Operations

The City of Moorhead will not be engaging in school bus operations exclusively for the transportation of students or school personnel.

7. Private Enterprise

The City of Moorhead is currently and plans to continue through 2014 contracting for the provision of mass transit services (operating) with a private operator.

Mark Voxland, Mayor