

## **Notice of Proposed Service Increases to Moorhead MATBUS Routes 2, 7 & 8 and MAT Paratransit**

The City of Moorhead is considering service increases to the Moorhead MATBUS and MAT Paratransit systems to become effective January 2, 2013, as recommended by the Five-year Transit Development Plan, generally described below.

**Informational Display:** An informational display on the proposed changes, as well as comment cards, will be in the lobby of the Ground Transportation Center (GTC), 502 N.P. Avenue, Fargo, ND, from November 12<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup>. Written comments may be turned in to the dispatch window and will be considered by staff prior to the final recommendation to the City Council. In addition, written comments may be submitted in advance to: Lori Van Beek, Transit Manager, 650 23<sup>rd</sup> Street North, Fargo, ND 58102, E-mail LVanbeek@matbus.com, telephone 701-476-6686. For TDD Relay Service call 7-1-1.

**Public Hearing:** The proposed service increases to MATBUS Routes 2, 7 and 8 and MAT Paratransit may be considered major and will require a public hearing. The public hearing will be held by the Moorhead City Council on Monday, November 26, 2012, at 5:45 p.m. in the First Floor Council Chambers of City Hall, 500 Center Avenue, Moorhead, MN. At the hearing, the City of Moorhead will afford an opportunity for interested persons to be heard with respect to the proposed service increases. Written comments may be submitted in advance of the public hearing to: Lori Van Beek, Transit Manager, 650 23<sup>rd</sup> Street North, Fargo, ND 58102, E-mail LVanbeek@matbus.com, telephone 701-476-6686.

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).

Comments from the informational meeting may result in changes to the proposed service hours. The *final recommendations* will be made available to the public on November 21, 2012, at the GTC.

**Extended Service Hours on Night Routes 7 & 8 and MAT Paratransit:** Currently, night bus service ends at 10:15 p.m. The service change would increase service by one hour until 11:15 p.m., Monday through Saturday, on Routes 7, 8 and MAT Paratransit. The City of Fargo is considering a similar change, including the extension of the GTC facility hours until 11:15 P.M.

**Increase Frequency on Night Routes 7 & 8:** On January 23, 2012, an additional bus was placed on the evening routes, which increased frequency from every 60 minutes to every 30. These changes were originally approved by the Moorhead City Council under a one-year pilot program. The proposal is to make the service frequency permanent and continue with 30-minute frequency at night.

**Route 2:** An additional bus would be placed on Route 2, which serves the MSUM campus, in the afternoons from 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, during the academic year to increase frequency to every 15 minutes.