



Report to Properties Committee of Lee County Board

October 11, 2022 | 11:00 AM

1) Developments

a) Reagan Mass Transit District

- (1) A final version of the MTD Resolution has been agreed to by the State's Attorney's Offices (Lee and Ogle Counties) as well as the lawyers representing LOTS.
 - (a) MTD Resolution will be presented to Lee County Board /Ogle County Board this month.
- (2) A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has also been developed to accompany the Resolution and provide additional details of the MTD framework.

b) Video Surveillance Cameras in Buses

- (1) 14 buses and 2 minivans have had video surveillance cameras installed in them
 - (a) Buses have 4 cameras on each
 - (b) Minivans have 2 cameras on each
 - (c) Operational staff will be able to look into the video surveillance system
 - (d) An alert button next to the steering wheel allows Drivers to inform Dispatch of any issues arising on the bus/minivans

c) Safety and Security Plan / LOTS

- (1) For most of 2022, LOTS has been collaborating with U.S. Department of Homeland Security on a revision of the transit system's Safety and Security Plan (SSP)
 - (a) In June, 2022, LOTS hosted a table top exercise with Homeland Security as well as local law enforcement, fire and emergency management staff
 - (b) The revisions are complete
 - (c) The full plan is available to the County Board to review
 - (d) LOTS is requesting that the County Board adopt the newest revision of the SSP

d) Visitors to LOTS

- (1) Brad Fritts, State Representative elect, visited with administrative staff September 2, 2022 regarding developments – capital construction, mass transit district and future plans.
 - (a) Acknowledged that he will assist as needed and would like to be kept in the loop on developments
- (2) IDOT Administration (Chicago) and Capital Staff were planning to visit with LOTS and other transit operations here in northwest Illinois in October, 2022. They have had to postpone those visits until Spring, 2023.

e) Proceeding with an Order of Electric Vehicles

- (1) LOTS is working with staff from the Michigan Department of Transportation on an order for two (2) electric vehicles. IDOT has promoted this relationship, as IDOT does not currently have electric vehicles on its state vehicle contract, although they will likely add EVs to that contract in the near future.

f) 2023 Fiscal Year Contracts (period of July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023)

- (1) IDOT is finalizing SFY 2023 Contracts
 - (a) 5311 Contract: \$245,411 *
 - (b) 5311F Contract (I-88): \$1,100,000 *
 - (c) 5311F Contract (I-39): \$929,606 *
 - (d) DOAP Contract: \$1,555,840

* These are being combined into a single contract by IDOT

2) Other Developments

a) REBUILD Round 3

- i) Two proposals were submitted to IDOT on July 29th
- ii) IDOT has reportedly gone through review of these applications. No announcement yet.
- iii) Proposal includes the following:

- (1) Add 72-feet onto the existing bus barn at Reagan Transit Center,
 - (a) This will provide for an additional twelve (12) slots for buses
 - (2) Add another bay onto the existing mechanical building
 - (a) IDOT has approached LOTS/Lee County regarding becoming a Regional Maintenance Center. Currently, IDOT has two (2) Centers (Springfield, Rockford)
 - (b) Both of these centers are overwhelmed and weeks behind in servicing vehicles
 - (c) There is a need for additional Centers to service vehicles like those used in LOTS system
 - (3) Purchase service vehicles including one for maintenance
- b) IDOT is proposing the transfer of four (4) used vehicles to Lee County / LOTS**
- i) Two Light Duty Buses will be coming from a non-profit in Chicago and the City of Country Club Hills. The non-profit is no longer operational. The city is no longer operating their transit service.
 - ii) Two Minivans will be coming from a non-profit in McHenry County. The non-profit merged with a large healthcare system and will no longer be providing transportation.
- c) Requisitions with IDOT / FY2022**
- i) IDOT has caught us up on payments through June, 2022
 - ii) July, 2022 requisitions are submitted with all being covered with CARES (Covid) dollars
 - iii) August, 2022 requisitions will be submitted this week
- d) Architectural/Engineering Firm / Oregon facility construction**
- i) Pre-award concurrence has been submitted to IDOT for its consideration.
 - ii) Awaiting word from IDOT on the successful candidate organization
 - iii) Architectural and Engineering firm will provide two (2) design options for Oregon facility
 - iv) This project is part of LOTS application under REBUILD Round 1 (**see section e of this report**)
- e) Capital Funding / REBUILD Round 1**
- i) Application includes Construction of new Oregon location
 - ii) Furnishings and equipment for Oregon facility
 - iii) Implementation of video surveillance cameras into 17 of LOTS' buses and minivans (completed)
 - iv) Three (3) new buses (Ford transit type vehicles)
- f) Capital Funding / REBUILD Round 2**
- (1) Notice of State Award being processed by IDOT
 - (2) LOTS Proposal will allow for the following:
 - (a) Two electric vehicles for use in the LOTS system
 - (i) Working with Michigan DOT on these vehicle procurements
 - (b) Three (3) new offices at Reagan Transit Center
 - (c) A secured file room/storage room
 - (d) Develop new Conference Room between Reagan Transit Center and Mechanical Bay
 - (e) Geothermal and Solar technologies will be incorporated into complex
- g) Request for Proposal / Statement of Qualifications for Consultant to complete feasibility study**
- (1) Pre-Bid package for hiring Transportation Consultant has been sent to IDOT for their concurrence. Once received, advertisement for this Consultant will go out to local and regional newspapers.
 - (2) Two-year study for the City of Rochelle and the feasibility of developing a fixed route for public transportation in the Hub City.
- h) Technical Assistance Grant (Awarded) from IDOT / City of Dixon Project**
- i) Initial paperwork has been completed.
 - ii) Executed contract for \$79,000 grant has been completed
 - iii) Two-year grant to complete feasibility study for fixed route in Dixon
- i) Rides provided during September, 2022**
- (1) # OF RIDES: 5,392
 - (2) SERVICE HOURS: 3,768
 - (3) MILES OF SERVICE: 65,125
 - (4) FUEL COST: \$21,474.35
- j) 1,280 rides week of September 26, 2022 compared to 1002 one year ago**
- (1) 27.74% increase from one year ago



3) Other Capital Developments

a) REBUILD (First Round) Capital Project

- i) Date extension for REBUILD / Round One has been granted by IDOT
 - (1) Extension will allow the project to continue through 12/31/2024
- ii) Three (3) new vans (Ford Transit type vehicles)
 - (1) After conversation with IDOT, this procurement will be going through the State's Vehicle Contract.
- iii) Video surveillance cameras on buses
 - (1) A Pre-Award Concurrence package for the video surveillance cameras (and installation) has been approved by IDOT. **Installation completed.** Reimbursement pending from IDOT.

b) Plan to spend remainder of Canopy construction funds

- (1) Capital funds remaining from Canopy construction were used for the following...
 - (a) ...Fix water damage of ceiling in Greyhound area / **COMPLETED.**
 - (b) Re-pave older portion of parking lot / **COMPLETED.**
- (2) Despite these uses, \$104,537 still remains in Capital funds from Canopy construction
 - (a) *PROPOSING Change Order to refurbish floors of Greyhound area and install exterior signage boards with updates on GH routes*
 - (b) \$81,864.08 in Greyhound bus purchases
 - (c) \$484.80 in A&E design
 - (d) \$22,187.71 in canopy construction



The Safety and Security Plan of the Lee Ogle Transportation System was developed in consultation with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security as well as collaboration with local law enforcement, fire and emergency management personnel, and was officially adopted by the Lee County Board and signed by Bob Olson, Chairman of the Lee County Board on this the 20th day of October, 2022.

Lee County, a local government,
Lee County, Illinois

By: _____
Bob Olson, Chair, Lee County Board

Date: _____

Lee Ogle Transportation System,
A not-for-profit organization,
Lee County, Illinois

By: _____
Greg Gates, Executive Director, LOTS

Date: _____