



**Report to County Services Committee of Lee County Board**

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**1) ROLLING THREE MONTHS OF RIDERSHIP DATA (February 1, 2024 – April 30, 2024)**

	February, 2024	March, 2024	April, 2024	Total for Period
<b>RIDES</b>	<b>8,118</b>	<b>7,149</b>	<b>9,063</b>	<b>24,330</b>
<b>SERVICE HOURS</b>	<b>2,481</b>	<b>2,276</b>	<b>2,866</b>	<b>7,623</b>
<b>MILES OF SERVICE</b>	<b>69,573</b>	<b>63,307</b>	<b>78,669</b>	<b>211,549</b>
<b>FUEL COST</b>	<b>\$28,426.43</b>	<b>\$23,799.59</b>	<b>\$21,256.77</b>	<b>\$73,482.79</b>

**2) DEVELOPMENTS**

**a) Reagan Mass Transit District**

- i) Finalizing arrangements for the LOTS transition to Reagan Mass Transit District, which will be official with the closing with Lee County on June 28, 2024.
- ii) RMTD will be live as of July 1, 2024.
- iii) The Definitive Agreement, outlining the transition of assets to RMTD, has been approved by the Lee County Board and the Ogle County Board.

**b) Budget/Contracts for FY 2025 (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)**

- (1) FY 2025 Contract Applications have been submitted to IDOT.
- (2) Contractual amounts for State Fiscal Year 2025 are as follows:
  - (a) 5311 Contract: \$283,450
  - (b) 5311F Contract (I-88): \$1,100,000
  - (c) 5311F Contract (I-39): \$929,606
  - (d) DOAP Contract: \$1,867,008

**c) Rural Winnebago County Transit Services**

- i) Work continues on arrangements for RMTD to be the operator of the public transportation services in rural (western side) Winnebago County.
- ii) Launch of the new service area is anticipated for July 1, 2024.
- iii) An Intergovernmental Agreement with Winnebago County is being completed to formalize the provision of transportation services.
  - (a) Winnebago County has formally requested three (3) vehicles from IDOT to be used in that county.
  - (b) The contractual budget proposed by IDOT for this new service is as follows:
    - (i) 5311 Contract: \$207,864
    - (ii) DOAP Contract: \$798,728

**d) Feasibility Studies: Dixon and Rochelle**

- i) RLS and Associates is continuing work on Feasibility Studies for Dixon and Rochelle.
- ii) The Feasibility Studies' Public Survey has closed. Awaiting tabulation of results.
- iii) Next Technical Assistance Committee Meetings are scheduled for this month
  - (1) TAC Committees will begin consideration of potential fixed routes for the cities.
  - (2) The studies are running concurrently with completion expected by end of August, 2024.

**e) Hydrogen Fuel Feasibility Study**

- i) LOTS submitted an application on the feasibility of hydrogen fuel cell vehicles in rural public transportation system. Proposal was submitted to the State Planning and Research division of IDOT.

- f) **LOTS Awarded Funding to Complete SPR Funding on Transportation Needs**
  - i) A contract between Lee County and State Planning and Research of IDOT has been executed for this two-year project with a budget of \$243,594.
  - ii) This project will look at the general “transportation needs” of residents in Lee and Ogle Counties.
  - iii) LOTS will partner a Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) for a university partner to assist with SPR grant activities.
  
- g) **Vehicle Procurement**
  - (1) Lee County / LOTS received word from IDOT that its 2022 CVP Application was awarded 6 of the 10 proposed vehicles.
    - (a) The vehicles, which will likely come in 2025, include two (2) minivans and four (4) light duty buses. Total value of these vehicles is more than \$600,000.
  - (2) LOTS collaboration with IDOT on a federal proposal to the Low/No Emission Grants.
    - (a) LOTS will procure two (2) electric buses via this proposal
  - (3) LOTS has submitted the order for two (2) electric vehicles to the Michigan Department of Transportation.
  
- h) **Architectural/Engineering Firm / Oregon facility construction**
  - i) Pre-award concurrence has been received from IDOT. Larson and Darby, an architectural firm out of Rockford, has been secured for the A&E process.
  - ii) Architectural and Engineering firm has provided us with a 95% complete design of the Oregon facility. This project is part of LOTS application under REBUILD Round 1
  
- i) **Architectural/Engineering Firm / Addition to Dixon Facility**
  - i) An architectural and engineering firm – Willett Hoffman – was selected for the addition project on to the Reagan Transit Center.
  - ii) Project includes development of new offices at Reagan Transit Center and secured file room/storage room. Geothermal and Solar technologies will be incorporated into complex
  - iii) This project is part of LOTS application under REBUILD Round 2

### 3) OPERATIONAL AND CAPITAL RELATED DEVELOPMENTS

- a) **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)
  
- b) **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
    - (b) Three (3) new offices at Reagan Transit Center and secured file room/storage room
    - (c) Develop new Conference Room between Reagan Transit Center and Mechanical Bay
    - (d) Geothermal and Solar technologies will be incorporated into complex
  
- c) **Capital Funding / REBUILD Round 3**
  - i) IDOT announced that Lee County/LOTS will receive \$62,500 for the purchase of 2 service vehicles
  - ii) The original proposal included 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
    - (3) Purchase service vehicles including one for maintenance

