



Report to Properties Committee of Lee County Board

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1) Developments

a) Mass Transit District / Advisory Committee

- (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.

2) Other Developments

a) REBUILD Round 3

- i) Two proposals were submitted to IDOT on July 29th
- ii) Proposal includes the following:
 - (1) Add 50 feet onto the existing bus barn at Reagan Transit Center,
 - (a) This will provide for an additional eight (8) 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 transportation 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 and have been starting to be reimbursed

d) Public Notice for 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 Lee County's application funding under REBUILD Round 1 (see section f of this report)

e) FY 2023 Contracts (Jul 1 – Jun 30, 2023) with IDOT and in final stages of approval

- i) 5311 Contract: \$245,411
- ii) 5311F Contract (I-88): \$1,100,000
- iii) 5311F Contract (I-39): \$929,606
- iv) DOAP Contract: \$1,555,840

f) 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
- iv) Three (3) new buses (Ford transit type vehicles)

- g) **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
- h) **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.
- i) **Re-Cap of Fiscal Year 2022 (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022)**
 - (1) # OF RIDES: 78,058
 - (2) SERVICE HOURS: 21,017
 - (3) MILES OF SERVICE: 584,796
 - (4) GENERATED LOCAL MATCH: \$239,068.79
- j) **923 rides week of August 1, 2022 compared to 892 one year ago**
 - (1) 3.48% 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 being scheduled. 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) \$81,864.08 in Greyhound bus purchases
 - (b) \$484.80 in A&E design
 - (c) \$22,187.71 in canopy construction

4) Technical Assistance Grant

- a) **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

5) COVID-19/Coronavirus Pandemic / Impact on Public Transportation

- a) **Following protocols remain in place**
 - i) Riders and drivers must wear face coverings (unless medical condition)
 - ii) Driver shield doors installed on vehicles including, most recently, mini-vans
 - iii) Riders are being asked to use social distancing
 - iv) Sanitizing protocols before/after trips
 - v) Daily sanitizing protocols in place at Reagan Transit Center

