



## Report to County Services Committee of Lee County Board

May 15, 2023 | 9:00 AM

### 1) DEVELOPMENTS

#### a) Reagan Mass Transit District

**(1) The initial meeting of RMTD Governing Board was held the evening of May 9.**

- (a) Lee County and Ogle County both approved appointments to the five (5) member Governing Board.
  - (i) Members include:
    1. Jeremy Englund
    2. Aaqil Khan
    3. Ermir Ramadani
    4. Greg Sparrow
    5. Larry Callant
  - (b) Initial paperwork registering RMTD with the Secretary of State was approved in March.
  - (c) The next steps in the process will include completion of the necessary paperwork to formalize the district is being completed (i.e., by-laws, EIN#, UEI, etc.)
- (2) The Resolution creating the Reagan Mass Transit District has been approved by both County Boards, along with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to provide additional details of the MTD framework.

#### b) Budget Development for FY 2024 (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024)

- (1) FY 2024 applications have been submitted to IDOT.
    - (a) IDOT expects to execute FY 2024 contracts by no later than July 1, 2023
  - (2) Contractual amounts for FY 2024 are as follows:
    - (a) 5311 Contract: \$282,700 \*
    - (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

#### c) Rides provided during April, 2023

- (1) # OF RIDES: 6,590**
- (2) SERVICE HOURS: 1,880**
- (3) MILES OF SERVICE: 49,409**
- (4) FUEL COST: \$19,311**

#### d) 1,229 rides week of May 1, 2023 compared to 1,146 one year ago

- (1) 7.0% increase from one year ago.**

#### e) Electric Vehicles and EV Infrastructure

- (1) LOTS collaborated with IDOT on a federal proposal to the Low/No Emission Grants.**
  - (a) Proposal was submitted to USDOT by April 13, 2023 deadline
  - (b) This will allow for the procurement of additional electric vehicles.
- (2) A secondary opportunity for EV infrastructure (charging stations) may be available via a federal USDOT grant being considered by Lee County.
- (3) LOTS has submitted the order for two (2) electric vehicles to the Michigan Department of Transportation. IDOT promoted this relationship, as it does not currently have electric vehicles on its state vehicle contract, although they will likely add EVs in the near future.

#### f) IDOT is approving transfer of three (3) used minivans to LOTS

- i) **Three (3) Minivans were transferred to LOTS from Northwestern Medical in McHenry County.**
- ii) The non-profit merged with a large healthcare system and will no longer be providing transportation.

- g) 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 will provide two (2) design options for Oregon facility
  - iii) This project is part of LOTS application under REBUILD Round 1
- h) 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
- i) City of Rochelle Feasibility Study / Technical Assistance Grant (Awarded) from IDOT**
  - i) Public Notice for the hiring of Senior Consultant for TA/Rochelle has been published. Two-year project for Rochelle and the feasibility of developing a fixed route for public transportation.
- j) City of Dixon Feasibility Study / Technical Assistance Grant (Awarded) from IDOT**
  - i) Executed contract for \$79,000 grant has been completed
  - ii) Two-year grant project to complete feasibility study for fixed route in Dixon

## 2) OTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN THE LOTS SYSTEM

- a) 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 view the video surveillance system via a cloud hosted website
    - (d) An alert button next to the steering wheel allows Drivers to inform Dispatch of any issues arising on the bus/minivans
- b) Safety and Security Plan / LOTS**
  - (1) Since 2022, LOTS has collaborated 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) Revisions are completed and received official approval in October.

## 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) 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

