

MEMORANDUM

To: Gregg Mandsager
Through: Randy Hill
From: Kristy Korpi
Re: Annual Transit Funding Application
Date: February 6, 2013

I request that at the February 21, 2013 meeting, Council set a March 21, 2013 Public Hearing for the annual transit funding application for Fiscal Year 2013/14. DOT requires that we publish notice of the hearing "approximately 30 days" in advance of the hearing.

A resolution and a public notice are attached. Thanks for your assistance in this matter.



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Equipment Maintenance
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To: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator
CC: Fran Donelson, Secretary
FROM: Kristy Korpi, Transit Supervisor
DATE: February 6, 2013
RE: Annual Transit Funding Application

INTRODUCTION:

Annually, the City of Muscatine is required to submit an application to the Iowa Department of Transportation for State and Federal Transit funds.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Muscatine relies on State (STA) and Federal (FTA) Transit Funds to support the city's MuscaBus operation. As part of the City's application it is anticipated the city will receive \$316,108 in federal assistance; \$189,322 in state assistance and \$149,600 in statewide federal capital assistance for the replacement of two buses, #238 and #239 for FFY 2013/14. The federal and state assistance for operating \$316,108 and \$189,322, respectively do not require a match from the City of Muscatine. Capital assistance for bus replacement requires the City to contribute 15% of the vehicle cost, or \$13,200 each maximum.

In previous years, the application also included requests for JARC (Job Access Reverse Commute) and New Freedom funding. These dollars required a 50/50 match from the City. MuscaBus operated two JARC operations: Nighttime Commuter Service and Muscatine/Wilton service. Funding for JARC and New Freedom has been repealed under MAP-21 federal legislation. While this funding has been repealed our FTA and STA funding increased due to ridership and revenue mile increases. During 2011/12 we received \$490,154 in federal and state operating dollars. The request for 2012/13 totals \$505,430, roughly a 4% increase. During 2011/2012 we did not receive any funding for capital spending. We are requesting funding for two replacement buses in 2013/14.

RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:

It is the recommendation of the Public Works staff for the Council to approve the Fiscal Year 2013/14 Application for State and Federal Transit Funds.

RESOLUTION _____

SET TIME AND PLACE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON ANNUAL
APPLICATION FOR STATE AND FEDERAL TRANSIT FUNDS

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Muscatine, Iowa has heretofore granted preliminary approval of the plans, specifications, form of contract, and cost estimates for the proposed Fiscal Year 2013/2014 Application for State and Federal transit funds;

WHEREAS, the proposed project is to be paid for out of funds legally available for that purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by this Council that:

SECTION I: On March 21, 2013 at 7:00 PM in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, Muscatine, Iowa, this Council shall hold a public hearing of the plans, specifications, form of contract, and cost estimates for this proposed project.

SECTION II: The City Clerk shall give notice of such public hearing by publication of a notice in the Muscatine Journal. The notice shall be in the following form:

(NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ATTACHED.)

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2013

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MUSCATINE, IOWA

DeWayne Hopkins, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gregg Mandsager, City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF TIME AND PLACE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON FISCAL YEAR 2013/14 APPLICATION FOR STATE AND FEDERAL TRANSIT FUNDS

Public Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Muscatine, Iowa, will hold a Public Hearing at Council Chambers, Muscatine City Hall, 215 Sycamore Street, Muscatine, Iowa, on March 21, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of considering estimates of operating and capital financial assistance from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA section 5311) and the Iowa Department of Transportation for Iowa State Transit assistance (STA). These funds are for operating and capital assistance for the Fiscal Year 2013/14.

MuscaBus City Transit will request funding as shown below:

Operating Funds:

Federal (FTA section 5311)	\$ 316,108
State (STA)	\$ 189,322
Statewide Federal Capital Assistance (Replacement buses:	
Two, LD, 158" wb buses. (FTA section 5339) Each \$88,000	\$ 176,000
Funded at 85/15 (\$74,800 per bus \$149,600 for both @ 85%)	

All interested persons are invited to attend and will be given an opportunity to be heard relative to this matter. Written and telephone comments can be directed to Kristy Korpi, Supervisor for MuscaBus Transit System, 1459 Washington Street, Muscatine, Iowa 52761; (563) 263-8152. All comments should be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on March 21, 2013.

Gregg Mandsager, City Clerk