

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Moorhead, Minnesota Proposed Program of Projects and Budget for Transit Operating Assistance from the Federal Transit Administration

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the City of Moorhead on Monday, December 13, 2021 at 5:45 p.m. in the Auditorium at the Hjemkomst Center, 202 1st Avenue North, Moorhead, MN, for the purpose of considering projects for which Federal Section 5307 transit operating assistance funds are being sought. A Proposed Program of Projects and Budget is detailed below.

At the hearing, the City of Moorhead will afford an opportunity for affected citizens, private transportation providers and local elected officials to be heard with respect to the projects proposed. Written comments on the Proposed Program of Projects may be submitted in advance of the public hearing to: Lori Van Beek, Moorhead Transit Manager, Metro Transit Garage, 650 23rd St. N., Fargo, ND 58102. Upon request, accommodations for individuals with disabilities, language barriers, or other needs to allow participation in meetings will be provided. To arrange assistance, call the City Clerk's Office at 218-299-5304 (voice) or 711 (TDD/TTY) no later than noon the day of the meeting.

A copy of the application for a Federal grant for the proposed projects and the current Transportation Improvement Program for the area are currently available for public inspection at the City Clerk's Office, 500 Center Avenue, Moorhead, Minnesota. Unless advertised again, the proposed projects contained in this advertisement are expected to become the final projects. A Final Program of Projects will be available to the public in the City Clerk's Office on December 17, 2021.

URBANIZED AREA: Fargo, ND - Moorhead, MN
APPLICANT: City of Moorhead, MN
TRANSIT SERVICE AREA OF PROJECT: City of Moorhead, MN

Section 5307 Federal Apportionment for FY2018 balance	\$294,363
Section 5307 Federal Apportionment for FY2019 partial	\$107,706
Total	\$402,069

PROGRAM OF PROJECTS DESCRIPTIONS	Local Share	Federal Share	Project Totals
I. OPERATING ASSISTANCE			
A. Maximum Federal Funding (up to 50% funding)			
1. Eligible net operating expenses of the Moorhead Transit System for the period of Jan. 2022 through Dec. 2022			
	\$402,069	\$402,069	\$804,138
Program of Project Totals	\$402,069	\$402,069	\$804,138

NOTE: Local Share for operating includes State funding.

B. Other Project Considerations

1. Relocation

No persons, families or businesses will be displaced by these projects.

2. Environment

These projects will not have a significant environmental impact upon the transit service area identified above.

3. Comprehensive Planning

This project is in conformance with comprehensive land use and transportation planning for the area and is consistent with the adopted program of projects in the Transportation Improvement Program for the Fargo-Moorhead urbanized area.

4. Elderly and Handicapped

This project takes into consideration the special transportation needs of the elderly and disabled by providing half-fare bus service during all hours of operation, along all fixed routes, to elderly persons and individuals with disabilities as well as providing MAT Paratransit, wheelchair accessible service on a demand responsive basis to disabled persons of any age who are ADA Paratransit Eligible, and Metro Senior Ride service on a demand responsive basis to elderly persons 60 years and older.

5. Charter Bus Operations

The City of Moorhead will not be engaging in charter bus operations.

6. School Bus Operations

The City of Moorhead will not be engaging in school bus operations exclusively for the transportation of students or school personnel.

7. Private Enterprise

The City of Moorhead is currently and plans to continue through 2022 contracting for the provision of mass transit services (operating) with a private operator.

Michelle (Shelly) A. Carlson
Mayor