



MEMORANDUM

DATE: 3-20-25

TO: TARTA Board of Trustees

FROM: Sam Melden, Chief Communications and External Affairs Officer

CC: Laura Koprowski, Chief Executive Officer
Kali Sawaya, Transit Planning Project Manager

SUBJECT: Wood County Workforce Transit Feasibility Study

The Ohio Workforce Mobility Program (OWMP) initiative invites collaboration among regional governments, transit agencies, private employers, and community groups to design flexible, workforce-focused transit solutions. TARTA, in partnership with TMACOG (Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments) and GLCAP (Great Lakes Community Action Partnership) are seeking to develop sustainable and coordinated transit solutions to serve the growing industrial sectors of Wood County. This proposed feasibility study will utilize best practices in transit planning, including origin-destination data analysis, stakeholder engagement, and cost-benefit evaluation, to guide the selection of viable transit solutions. The partnership received two competitive statements of qualification in response to our Request for Qualifications. The recommendation is to move forward with negotiations with Nelson Nygaard.

This initiative is facilitated through the allocation of funds from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Flex grant (SFY 2024 Ohio Workforce Mobility Partnership Program), administered by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and obtained by TARTA. The total expenditure for this project is not to exceed \$500,000.

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