



Report to County Services Committee of Lee County Board

April 15, 2025 | 9:00 AM

1) RIDERSHIP DATA (January 1, 2025 – March 31, 2025)

	January, 2025	February, 2025	March, 2025	FY 25 Trend
RIDES	8,086	7,314	7,642	95,100
SERVICE HOURS	2,498	2,172	2,340	31,076
MILES OF SERVICE	69,706	59,988	65,224	759,388
FUEL COST	\$19,295.08	\$18,452.67	\$18,297.27	\$268,852.32

2) DEVELOPMENTS

a) Budget/Contracts for FY 2026 (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026)

- (1) Applications for FY 2026 Contracts have been finalized and submitted to IDOT for their review. Funding Allocations for FY 2026 are as follows:
 - (a) 5311 Contract: \$283,450
 - (b) DOAP Contract: \$2,240,400
 - (c) 5311F Contract (I-88 and I-39): \$2,029,606

b) Rural Winnebago County Transit Services

- i) Working with Winnebago County on procuring three (3) vehicles for rural transit services in Winnebago County.
- ii) Transportation services in rural Winnebago County will begin July 1, 2025
- iii) Intergovernmental Agreement with Winnebago County to provide rural transit was finalized during that County Board meeting in February.
- iv) Separate agreement being finalized for the contractual hiring of a person to be the PCOM (oversight) of the rural transit services was also approved at the same February meeting.
- v) The contractual budget proposed by IDOT for this new rural service is as follows:
 - (i) 5311 Contract: \$207,864
 - (ii) DOAP Contract: \$798,728

c) Vehicle Procurement

- (1) RMTD picked up six (6) proposed vehicles from IDOT on March 26, 2025.
- (2) RMTD received two minivans and four light duty buses via IDOT's 2022 CVP Application.
- (3) IDOT is planning a second CVP round of vehicles. Applications will be available this summer.
- (4) RMTD collaboration with IDOT on a federal proposal to the Low/No Emission Grants.
 - (a) RMTD will procure two (2) electric buses via this proposal.

d) Hydrogen Fuel Feasibility Study

- i) RMTD completed the RFP process for a Project Lead Consultant for the Hydrogen Fuel Feasibility Study. The review committee completed a review of the application received from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. A contractual agreement has been shared with UIUC. Working with the university to finalize the agreement for the consultant work.
- ii) IDOT State Planning and Research Program has awarded \$300,000 to assess the feasibility of using hydrogen fuel cell vehicles and hydrogen fuel in rural Illinois.

e) Service Contract Discussions

- i) Initial discussions on potential service contracts have been had with Rochelle Community Hospital as well as OSF Saint Katharine. Both of these are in the very preliminary stages, with good content from the initial meetings.
- ii) A meeting is also being sought with Mercy Health, which opened an emergent clinic in the City of Dixon late in 2024.

- f) Architectural/Engineering Firm / Oregon facility construction**
 - i) Pre-bid Concurrence paperwork has been submitted to IDOT for its review. Once concurred will allow for going out for the hiring of a General Contractor.
 - ii) Larson and Darby, architectural firm out of Rockford, is the architect/engineering firm hired for the Oregon Construction project. This project is part of RMTD application under REBUILD 1
- g) Transit Desert Grant / IDOT State Planning and Research**
 - i) Work is continuing on the Transit Desert Grant study of Lee and Ogle Counties, specifically those areas of the counties more remote in nature.
 - ii) Next steps will be to 1) continue key stakeholder interviews, 2) initiate focus groups, and 3) ready public survey for distribution.
 - iii) The Technical Advisory Committee met in March.
 - iv) NIU/CGS is also starting the review of existing data for transit deserts in the two-county region. A Public Survey is being developed by NIU/CGS with distribution in the near future.
- h) Auditing Services**
 - i) RMTD working with Lee County and Wipfli, LLC to complete County Audit.
 - (1) This audit focuses on the timeframe when RMTD (then LOTS) was a department of Lee County.
- i) Pending Request for Bids / Intercity Bus**
 - i) Request for Proposal is currently open to public with responses due in by 1:00 PM (Central) on April 15, 2025. This opportunity is for operation of Intercity Bus services on I-88 and I-39 with the selected operator beginning on July 1, 2025.
 - (1) Greyhound Bus Lines / FLIX are the current operator on both the I-88 Intercity Bus Route between Chicago and Davenport, Iowa, as well as the I-39 (I-90, and I-74) Route between Chicago and Danville, IL.
- j) Request for Bids / Replacement Vehicles**
 - i) RMTD will be piggy-backing onto another state's Vehicle Procurement Program for up to three (3) Ford Transit type vehicles. RMTD will also look to procure an electric vehicle through another state's procurement program.

3) OPERATIONAL AND CAPITAL RELATED DEVELOPMENTS

- a) Capital Funding / Community Project Funding | Representative Darin LaHood**
 - i) Funding includes construction of additional administrative space at Dixon Transit Center
 - ii) Total amount of funding is \$2.9472 million to provide for planned expansion at the Reagan Transit Center in Dixon.
- b) Capital Funding / REBUILD Round 1**
 - i) Funding provides for construction of new Oregon location
 - ii) Furnishings and equipment for Oregon facility
 - iii) Implementation of video surveillance cameras in 17 of RMTD's buses and minivans (completed)
 - iv) Three (3) new buses (Ford transit type vehicles)
- c) Capital Funding / REBUILD Round 2**
 - (1) RMTD Proposal will allow for the following:
 - (a) Two electric vehicles for use in the RMTD 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
- d) Capital Funding / REBUILD Round 3**
 - i) RMTD will receive \$62,500 for the purchase of 2 service vehicles