



Report to County Services Committee of Lee County

October 8, 2024 | 9:00 AM

1) RIDERSHIP DATA (July 1, 2024 – September 30, 2024)

	July, 2024	August, 2024	September, 2024	FY 25 Trend	FY 24, Actual
RIDES	7,441	7,764	7,433	90,620	93,342
SERVICE HOURS	2,154	2,335	3,271	31,076	28,422
MILES OF SERVICE	57,930	65,924	67,403	759,388	773,681
FUEL COST	\$19,273.32	\$25,535.40	\$19,289.85	\$268,852.32	\$244,756.75

2) DEVELOPMENTS

a) Reagan Mass Transit District Open House

- i) On Wednesday, October 16th from 3:00 – 6:00 PM, Reagan MTD will be hosting an Open House at its facility at 210 E Progress Drive, Dixon. Public is welcome

b) Bidding Opportunities

- i) A Request for Proposals (RFP), for Information Technology Services (IT).
 - (1) Review process of the submissions has been completed. An IT firm has been chosen. Awaiting pre-award concurrence from IDOT.
 - (2) The chosen IT Firm will have a three-year contract with two (2) additional one-year options.
- ii) A Request for Proposals (RFP) for Auditing Services.
 - (1) Internal review process has been completed. An auditing firm has been chosen. Awaiting pre-award concurrence from IDOT
 - (2) This will be a three (3) year contract with two (2) additional one-year options.
- iii) RMTD has an initial draft of a Request for Proposals for two (2) (possibly three) Ford Transit type vehicles. This RFP will allow for the use of REBUILD 1 funding.
- iv) An upcoming bid opportunity to operate Intercity Bus services on I-88 and I-39 will be forthcoming in the next six (6) months, with the selected operator beginning on July 1, 2025.

c) Architectural/Engineering Firm / Oregon facility construction

- i) Pre-bid Concurrence paperwork will be submitted to Illinois Department of Transportation, which 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.
- iii) This project is part of RMTD application under REBUILD 1

d) Feasibility Studies: Dixon and Rochelle

- i) RLS and Associates is completing Final Reports for the Feasibility Studies for Dixon and Rochelle.
- ii) RLS has given presentations to Dixon City Council, Lee County Board and Rochelle City Council

e) Transit Desert Grant / IDOT State Planning and Research

- i) Finalizing agreement with chosen entity to lead the Transit Desert study, which is tentatively scheduled to get underway in November, 2024.
- ii) A two-year contract with the State Planning and Research Program of IDOT is for two years for a contractual amount of \$243,594.
- iii) This project will look at the general “transportation needs” of residents in Lee and Ogle Counties, specifically those areas of the counties more remote in nature

f) Rural Winnebago County Transit Services

- i) Working on Intergovernmental Agreement with Winnebago County to provide rural transit.

- ii) Separate agreement being finalized for the contractual hiring of a person to be the PCOM (oversight) of the rural transit services being provided.
- iii) The contractual budget proposed by IDOT for this new rural service is as follows:
 - (i) 5311 Contract: \$207,864
 - (ii) DOAP Contract: \$798,728

g) Hydrogen Fuel Feasibility Study

- i) RMTD has been awarded funding from the State Planning and Research Program of IDOT for a total of \$300,000 to assess the feasibility of using hydrogen fuel cell vehicles and hydrogen fuel in rural Illinois.
- ii) RMTD has submitted required paperwork for developing the executed contract with SPR/IDOT. Hope to have an executed contract by November.
- iii) Once a contract has been executed, RMTD will broadcast a Request for Proposals for a Project Lead for the initiative.

h) Budget/Contracts for FY 2025 (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)

- (1) RMTD has executed all three (3) of its contracts for FY 2025.
- (2) Contractual amounts for State Fiscal Year 2025 are as follows:
 - (a) 5311 Contract: \$283,450
 - (b) DOAP Contract: \$1,867,008
 - (c) 5311F Contract (I-88 and I-39): \$2,029,606

i) Vehicle Procurement

- (1) Pending transfer of two (2) buses from an area non-profit.
- (2) Pending transfer of two (2) 5310 vehicles from local non-profit here in Dixon.
- (3) RMTD received was awarded 6 vehicles (2 minivans, 4 light duty buses) via IDOT's 2022 CVP Application. Delivery in 2025.
- (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.

2) OPERATIONAL AND CAPITAL RELATED DEVELOPMENTS

a) Capital Funding / Community Project Funding | Representative Darin LaHood

- i) Application includes construction of additional administrative space at Dixon Transit Center

b) 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 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) Notice of State Award being processed by IDOT
- (2) 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) IDOT announced that RMTD 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) spaces for buses
 - (2) Add another bay onto the existing mechanical building
 - (3) Purchase service vehicles including one for maintenance