



Report to County Services of Lee County Board

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1) RIDERSHIP DATA (May 1, 2024 – July 31, 2024)

	May, 2024	June, 2024	FY 24 TOTAL	July, 2024
RIDES	8,443	6,961	93,342	7,917
SERVICE HOURS	2,591	1,954	28,422	2,301
MILES OF SERVICE	71,533	54,979	773,681	61,614
FUEL COST	\$22,266.51	\$20,368.11	\$244,756.75	\$19,273.32

2) DEVELOPMENTS

a) Architectural/Engineering Firm / Oregon facility construction

- i) With the transition to RMTD now complete, work will resume with Larson and Darby, architectural firm out of Rockford, on Oregon facility construction
- ii) Pre-award concurrence has been received from IDOT. Next step is to go out for a General Contractor to oversee the construction project.
- iii) This project is part of RMTD application under REBUILD 1

b) Feasibility Studies: Dixon and Rochelle

- i) RLS and Associates is entering final phase of the Feasibility Studies for Dixon and Rochelle.
- ii) Presentations by RLS have been planned for Dixon City Council, Lee County Board and Rochelle City Council for August. No presentation confirmed with Ogle County Board as of yet.
- iii) The two (2) studies are looking at the potential development of fixed routes in the communities.

c) RMTD Awarded Funding to Complete SPR Funding on Transportation Needs

- i) A two-year contract with the State Planning and Research Division of IDOT has been executed
- ii) Contractual amount is \$243,594 for the two-year period
- 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
- iv) RMTD will publish a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a university partner to assist with SPR grant.

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

- (1) IDOT starting to issue FY 2025 Contracts Applications have been submitted to IDOT.
- (2) Contractual amounts for State Fiscal Year 2025 are as follows:
 - (a) 5311 Contract: \$283,450
 - (b) 5311F Contract (I-88): \$1,100,000
 - (c) 5311F Contract (I-39): \$929,606
 - (d) DOAP Contract: \$1,867,008

e) Rural Winnebago County Transit Services

- i) Work continuing on agreement for RMTD to provide transit services in rural (western) Winnebago County.
- ii) Representatives from Winnebago County, IDOT and RTAC visited RMTD on July 17.
- 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

f) Bidding Opportunities

- i) A Request for Proposals (RFP), for Information Technology Services (IT) was released in early June, with a total of three (3) response submissions received by the 4:00 PM Central Time deadline on August 16, 2024.
 - (1) Review process of the submissions has been completed. Paperwork submitted to IDOT for pre-award concurrence.
 - (2) The IT firm chosen will have a three-year contract with two (2) additional one-year options.

- ii) A Request for Proposals (RFP) for Auditing Services was released in June as well, with submissions due in by 4:00 PM Central Time on Monday, July 1, 2024.
 - (1) Two (2) submissions were received from Auditing Firms.
 - (2) Internal review process has been initiated.
 - (3) This will be a three (3) year contract with two (2) additional one-year options for the awarded Auditing Firm.
 - iii) RMTD will also be publishing, in the coming weeks, an RFP for a Data Analysis Partner for the Transportation Desert Grant project (see 2nd page of this report, section g), awarded funding to RMTD by the State Planning and Research arm of IDOT.
 - 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.
- g) Hydrogen Fuel Feasibility Study**
- i) RMTD submitted an application on the feasibility of hydrogen fuel cell vehicles in rural public transportation system. Proposal was submitted is to the State Planning and Research of IDOT.
 - ii) RMTD is awaiting word back from IDOT/State Planning and Research on whether its hydrogen proposal will be awarded funding.
- h) Vehicle Procurement**
- (1) Pending transfer of two (2) buses from non-profit in Sterling.
 - (2) RMTD received was awarded 6 vehicles (2 minivans, 4 light duty buses) via IDOT's 2022 CVP Application. Delivery in 2025.
 - (3) 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.

3) OPERATIONAL AND CAPITAL RELATED DEVELOPMENTS

- a) 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)
- b) 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
- c) 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

