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Iowa DOT Presentation to IPTA
June 19, 2013

Today's Discussion Topics

- TIGER grant
- Veterans grant
- Iowa Code/ Admin. Rules
- Training opportunities
- Public Transit Appreciation Month
- Park and ride
- STA formula
- Manager of the Year criteria
- PTIG
- Statewide procurement
- Year-end reports
- Amoco Loan
- PTAC Action items
- Lessons learned



TIGER grant

- Submitted May 31, 2013
- 118 vehicles
- 21 transit systems
- \$17,920,000 (80% funding)
- If awarded, all local, state, and federal requirements must be met by June 30, 2014, to accommodate a September 30, 2014, obligation deadline
- Award announcement expected by September 30



Veterans grant

- UNI conducting a survey of veterans transportation providers to create a database of those services
 - Draft report expected by June 21
- DOT partnering with IDA and IME/DHS on statewide one-call/one-click “no wrong door” concept to provide the Information, Referral, and Assistance portion of the project
- Rideshare software in the planning stages



Iowa Code/Admin Rules

OPT staff is reviewing public transit's Iowa Code – 324A and Administrative Rules:

- 911 – School Transportation Services provided by Regional Transit Systems
- 920 State Transit Assistance
- 921 Advanced allocations of STA funding
- 923 Capital Match Revolving Loan Fund
- 924 Public Transit Infrastructure Grant Program

PTAC will serve as the advisory committee on proposed changes. Please let any PTAC member know if you have suggested changes.



Upcoming Training

CTAA's Vehicle Maintenance Management and Inspection Certification Course

- July 24-26, 2013
- Region 2 Transit System, Mason City
- Information at www.ctaa.org under Training then Certification
- Training Fellowships available!



Training Opportunities

The year to strengthen training -- ideas:

- TAPTCO training – per system or statewide
- Purchase other videos to establish in-house training library per transit system
- Defensive Driver Certification (on-site training)
- Possible set up of in-house computer training station per transit system
- Funding of travel and fees for use of simulator at Hawkeye Community College, Waterloo



Top 10 Compliance Issues

From reviews completed from Fall 2011 through mid-February 2013:

1. How does the system notify the public of their rights under Title VI? (Eligibility – Question 22)
2. What does the transit agency's vehicle, facility, and equipment maintenance plan cover? (Maintenance – Question 4)
3. What efforts have been undertaken to make agency information accessible to persons with visual impairments? Provide examples. (General ADA – Question 22)
4. Does the agency maintain a record of the history of each procurement charged to the transit program? If so, what information is recorded? (Procurement – Question 30)



Top 10 Compliance Issues

5. What does the vehicle maintenance plan cover? (Maintenance – Question 7)
6. Does agency literature describe how persons with hearing disabilities may access dispatch? (General ADA – Question 24)
7. Does all literature/advertising include information that all services are open to the general public, including persons with disabilities? (General ADA – Question 25)
8. Does the Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy identify the individuals serving as the MRO and SAP under the program and give their credentials? (Drug and Alcohol – Question 17)



Top 10 Compliance Issues

9. Is the agency's code of ethics/standard of conduct explicit with regard to how potential personal conflicts are to be reported (by whom/to whom) and how the situation will be resolved? (Procurement – Question 3)
10. Describe how the agency would accommodate a participant with hearing impairments or speech impairments at one of the meetings. Is this accommodation included in the public notice? (General ADA – Question 33)



Park and Ride Planning

- The Office of Systems Planning is developing a park and ride system plan
- Identifies and evaluates candidate sites based on commuter flows and passenger traffic data
- A web-based map will be available to locate park and ride facilities
- The DOT will promote the state park and ride program
- Currently being reviewed at the DOT



Public Transit Appreciation Month

- June 2013 is the second Iowa “Public Transit Appreciation Month”
- June 13th – Governor Branstad signed a proclamation declaring June 2013 as Public Transit Appreciation Month in Iowa.
- Promoted the event through media releases, web-based, and print banners, Iowa Public Transit Photography Contest, and social media.



Public Transit Appreciation Month

Organization(s)	Event/Activity	Location	Date(s)
DART	Free rides on all express routes with a coupon	Polk County	6/20
Mason City	"Ride Transit Free" Day	Mason City	6/20
Muscatine	Muscatine Journal Question and Answer with Drivers and Public Transit Appreciation Month article	-	6/17
Region 3	"Free Friday Rides" during the month of June - donate one canned item for one-way trip, two for a roundtrip	Region 3	6/7; 6/14; 6/21; 6/28
Region 11	Jeremy Johnson-Miller promoted HIRTA services for CyRide, Dump The Pump Day, and the Governor's Proclamation on 1430 KASI	-	6/18
Waterloo	Ages 6 -18 ride for 25 Cents for the months of June, July and August	Waterloo	June, July, August



Iowa Public Transit Photography Contest

- Inspired by RTAP and need to develop a photo collection for future marketing and advocacy efforts
- Rolled out contest in April with June 1st deadline
- 17 entries received
- Media release with winners announced later today
- Deadline for 2014 contest is June 1st, 2014
- Information is available on the Office of Public Transit website, under the Photography contest tab
- Please help spread the word! Flyers available for distribution.



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Third Provisional



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Second Provisional



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First Provisional



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Third Place



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Second Place



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First Place



STA Formula

- The Iowa DOT is initiating a study to examine the STA formula
- Contracting with the ISU Institute for Transportation [InTRANS] to conduct the study
- PTAC will serve as the advisory committee
- Draft recommendations expected by October 2013
- InTRANS will present recommendations to the Iowa DOT and IPTA at a future meeting for discussion



STA Formula

- Vision--To equitably distribute the State Transit Assistance (STA) funding to the public transit systems in Iowa using a formula that considers efficiency of operation and local contribution to assist in the provision of public transportation services for the benefit of all Iowans.



Manager of the Year criteria

Awards will be based on:

- Timeliness and accuracy of reporting to the Iowa DOT
- Meeting Contract Obligation Dates
- Contract Extension Requests

Awards will be presented at next annual IPTA meeting



Public Transit Infrastructure Grant

Eight applications received
 \$1,500,000 Appropriated
\$ 124,154 Contingency
 \$ 1,624,154 Available

Transit System	Project Description	State Participation Request	State Participation Recommendation
Region 5 (Fort Dodge)	Administration Facility/Garage	\$ 347,120	\$ 347,120
Region 9	Generator	\$ 56,000	\$ 56,000
Region 13	Wash Bay	\$ 162,240	\$ 162,240
Des Moines	Operations Office Renovation	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000
Des Moines	Service Lane Rehab	\$ 36,000	\$ 36,000
Sioux City	Bus Wash System Replacement	\$ 240,000	\$ 240,000
Sioux City	Roof Rehabilitation	\$ 136,000	\$ 136,000
Sioux City	Transit Operations HVAC System	<u>\$ 40,000</u>	<u>\$ 40,000</u>
	Total	\$1,617,360	\$1,617,360

Statewide Procurement

- 2014 model year
- Mini-vans, conversion vans, LDBs, MDBs
- 2 year contract + options
- Ready by Oct/Nov/Dec 2013
- Specifications in progress (10 person committee)
- Any of 35 transit agencies can purchase



Year-end Reports

Year-end Statistical reports due August 15, 2013

Year-end Odometer readings due August 15, 2013

See handout to review the Iowa DOT Checklist

Deadline for finalized reports is the Friday before Thanksgiving – November 22, 2013.



Deadline Reminders

- Requests for contract extensions need to be made at least 30 days prior to contract close date
- Final reimbursement requests need to be submitted within 60 days of contract end date
- For year end reimbursements to be posted on the correct fiscal year by our accounting office, reimbursements need to be submitted prior to August 9th
- Intercity Bus grant applications are due by October 1st



Amoco Loan

Approx. \$250,000 is currently available

– Criteria

- Transit-related project for a capital purchase
- Qualifies for federal or state funding
- Meets an identifiable transit need and is included in the public transit system's planning and programming documents
- Must be part of the statewide program of projects adopted by the Transportation Commission
- Submit requests for loan funding with annual application
- Loan application is on OPT website



PTAC Action Items

- Revise PTMS policy
 - Added state funding to \$7 million total funding
 - Contingency fleet language
- Low vehicle usage
 - Vanpool vehicles do count toward low vehicle usage policy
 - Contingency Fleet vehicles do not count toward low vehicle usage policy
- No statewide funding will be used toward the purchase of used vehicles

Responsibilities

- Actual rides – 100% accurate and reliable
 - NTD definition of unlinked passenger trips – see the Transit Manager's Handbook
- Record retention
 - Requirement is three years after contract closeout
- Communication
 - Keep communication with OPT constant and direct
- Board training
 - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7f2bLe-ZwU0&feature=youtu.be>



Questions?

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