NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Iowa Northland Regional Transit Commission (RTC) Advisory Committee in the Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments (INRCOG) Board Room, which is located at 229 East Park Avenue in Waterloo, Iowa, at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 17th, 2016. The purpose of this hearing is to discuss the Fiscal Year 2017 INRCOG Application for transit financial assistance, on behalf of RTC, from the Iowa Department of Transportation.

INRCOG will request federal and state transit formula allocations in the approximate amounts of $359,271 and $359,441, respectively, to support operating expenses.

Federal funds will be requested for acquiring four (4) accessible, light-duty diesel buses with surveillance systems included on each vehicle. The total cost of the vehicles is estimated to be $392,000, of which $333,200 (85 percent) would be federal funds and $58,800 (15 percent) would be local funds.

Federal funds are also being sought for planning purposes. The total cost of planning services is estimated to be $39,000, of which $31,200 (80 percent) would be federal funds and $7,800 (20 percent) would be local funds.

The projects described in this notice will not displace any individuals, nor will they have any significant negative effects on the environment. All of projects are in conformance with the Regional Transportation Authority's Fiscal Year 2017-2020 Transportation Improvements Program and current Passenger Transportation Plan prepared by INRCOG.

Any persons wishing to be heard will be afforded the opportunity to be heard. Written comments will be accepted through the public hearing at the following address: INRCOG; 229 East Park Avenue; Waterloo, Iowa 50703. Oral questions or comments can be directed to Kevin Blanshan or Brian Schoon at (319) 233-5213.