

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG) Board of Directors at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26th, 2015 at the ECICOG offices at 700 16th Street NE, Suite 301, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402. The purpose of this hearing is to solicit citizen input regarding the FY 2016 Consolidated Transit Application. The Region 10 transit planning area includes the counties of Benton, Iowa, Johnson, Jones, Linn, and Washington.

This hearing will discuss an application from the East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG) to the Iowa Department of Transportation for financial assistance for FY 2016 transit operating and capital needs. ECICOG will request federal and state transit assistance amounting to approximately \$384,511 and \$473,705 respectively for the support of day-to-day operations for East Central Iowa Transit, which consists of the following public transit providers: Benton County Transportation, Iowa County Transportation, Johnson County SEATS, Jones County JETS, Linn County LIFTS, and Washington County Mini Bus. ECICOG will also request federal transit assistance to support the following planned capital equipment activities (cost estimates are noted):

- Replace 4 minivans (\$52,500)
- Replace 11 light-duty buses with 138" wheelbase (\$83,000)
- Replace 12 light-duty buses with 158" wheelbase (\$85,000)
- Replace 18 light-duty buses with 176" wheelbase (3 diesel \$101,000; (15 gas @ \$90,000)
- Replace 9 Medium Duty diesel bus with 33' wheelbase (\$201,000)

The total estimated cost of these capital purchases is \$5,407,500. If approved, federal funds will be matched with local financing on an 85% federal - 15% local basis. These projects will not have significant detrimental environmental effects on the area and no persons or businesses will be displaced by these activities. The transit projects are in conformance with the Region 10 FY 2016-2019 TIP.

Any interested person or agency is invited to attend this hearing and speak for or against these projects. Written comments will be accepted by ECICOG through the date and time of the public hearing specified above. For additional information, contact Brock Grenis at 700 16th Street NE, Suite 301, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402; telephone (319) 365-994; fax (319) 365-9981; or email brock.grenis@ecicog.org