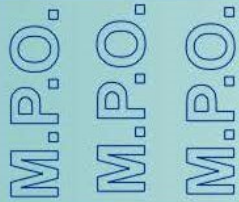


Overcoming Barriers

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Grand Forks - East Grand Forks Metropolitan Planning Organization

Ensuring Opportunities

Planning One Community

*“A community that provides a variety of complementary transportation choices, that are fiscally constrained,
for people and goods.”*

MPO Staff Report

Technical Advisory Committee: January 9, 2019

MPO Executive Board: January 23, 2019

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve priorities of the Grand Forks Cities Area Transit 5339 Bus Competitive Grant application with the priority order given to the MPO Executive Board.

Matter of Approval of priorities of the Grand Forks Cities Area Transit 5339 Bus Competitive Grant application.

Background: In November, the MPO, together with NDDOT, solicited applications for FTA 5339 Bus Competitive Grant Funds. The NDDOT has a deadline of January 29, 2019. All applications from the MPO area need to have MPO submittal to NDDOT through Black Cat; applications were due to the MPO by Jan. 3rd. This ensured the candidate projects could be vetted through the MPO in time to meet the NDDOT deadline.

The only application that the MPO received for 5339 projects was from Cities Area Transit (CAT). This staff report will list each FTA project below in priority order. There is a total of \$2.7 million in funding available for vehicles only.

CAT 5339 funding request includes the following projects in priority order:

1. **Heavy Duty Buses:** This project involves the purchase of three (3) heavy duty buses for the operation of University of North Dakota campus circulator routes. Total cost of the project is \$1,521,000. CAT is requesting \$1,216,800 in Section 5339 funding; the 20% local match of \$304,200 will be paid by the University of North Dakota.
2. **Shop Pickup Replacement:** This project involves replacement of a shop pickup that was purchased in 2009 and has exceeded their useful life. Total cost of the project is \$25,000. CAT is requesting \$20,000 in Section 5339 funding; the 20% local match of \$5,000 will be paid out of the Grand Forks City Public Transportation budget.

3. **Staff Car Replacement:** This project involves replacement of a staff car that was purchased in 2010 and has exceeded their useful life. Total cost of the project is \$18,000. CAT is requesting \$14,400 in Section 5339 funding; the 20% local match of \$3,600 will be paid out of the Grand Forks City Public Transportation budget.
4. **Shop Pickup:** This project involves purchase of an additional shop pickup. This is necessary to support CAT staff in the performance of tasks related to the maintenance and repair of vehicles, facilities, bus shelters, and grounds. Total cost of the project is \$20,000. CAT is requesting \$16,000 in Section 5339 funding; the 20% local match of \$4,000 will be paid out of the Grand Forks City Public Transportation budget.

Findings and Analysis:

- The TDP does list priority on State of Good Repair and Transit Asset Management.
- Staff recommends approval of the 5339 application as being consistent with the TDP.

Support Materials:

- CAT Staff reports
- Section 5339 Application