

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

RE: City of Evansville, FTA CY 2017 Operating, Capital and Planning Assistance Grant Application

Notice is hereby given that the City of Evansville will submit a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Operating, Capital and Planning Assistance Grant application for the Metropolitan Evansville Transit System (METS). The purpose of this notice is to afford all interested persons the opportunity to comment on the proposed projects.

Written comments may be forwarded to Matt Schriefer, Transportation Planner, Evansville MPO, Room 316 - Civic Center Complex, 1 NW MLK Jr. Blvd., Evansville, IN 47708 or mschriefer@evansvillempo.com. Comments will be accepted through April 6, 2017. Oral comments can be made at one of two public hearings held by the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) on April 6, 2017 in the Civic Center Complex: Technical Committee Meeting at 10:00 AM in Room 318 or Policy Committee Meeting at 4:00 PM in Room 301.

Section 5307 Operating: The City of Evansville is requesting Section 5307 Operating Assistance in the amount not to exceed \$483,577. The estimated project cost is \$5,275,449 of which the Federal share will be less than 50%. The City will also use \$2,205,189 from INDOT's Public Mass Transportation Fund (PMTF). The state and local share will be more than 50%.

Section 5307 Preventive Maintenance: The City is requesting Section 5307 Preventive Maintenance Assistance in the amount not to exceed \$1,115,144. The total project cost is \$1,925,934 of which the Federal share will not exceed 80% and the local share will be at least 20%.

Section 5307 Capital Projects: The City is requesting Section 5307 Capital Assistance in the amount not to exceed \$261,906. The total project cost is \$327,383 of which the Federal share will not exceed 80% and the local share will be at least 20%. These Capital Projects will include renovations at the administration/maintenance building, renovations at the downtown terminal, benches for bus stops, and engineering work for a new bus wash.

Section 5307 Planning: The City is requesting Section 5307 Planning Assistance in the amount not to exceed \$10,000. The total project cost is \$12,500 of which the Federal share will not exceed 80% and the local share will be at least 20%.

Section 5339 Security Cameras: The City is requesting Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Assistance in the amount not to exceed \$76,182 to purchase new security cameras for buses. The total project cost is \$95,228 of which the Federal share will not exceed 80% and the local share will be at least 20%.

Section 5310 ADA Bus Stop Improvements: The City is requesting Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Assistance in the amount not to exceed \$77,562 to complete ADA improvements to improve access at bus stops. The total project cost is \$96,953 of which the Federal share will not exceed 80% and the local share will be at least 20%.

Section 5339/CMAQ Bus Acquisition: The City is requesting Section 5339 funds in the amount not to exceed \$76,180 to supplement \$297,820 in CMAQ funds. The total project cost is \$467,500 of which the Federal share will not exceed 80% and the local share will be at least 20%.

Relocation: No persons, families, or businesses will be displaced by these projects.

Environment: These projects will not have a significant environmental impact upon the urban service area.

Elderly and Disabled: These projects will take into consideration the special needs of the elderly and disabled; these individuals are eligible for reduced fares on the METS system.

At the hearing, the Evansville MPO will afford an opportunity for interested persons or agencies to be heard with respect to the social, environmental and economic aspects of the projects. A copy of the Program of Projects is available for public inspection in the MPO office, Civic Center Complex, Room 316, 1 NW MLK, Jr. Blvd., Evansville, Indiana 47708 or the MPO website at evansvillempo.com.

THIS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SERVES AS A FINAL PUBLISHED PROGRAM OF PROJECTS SHOULD THERE BE NO CHANGES MADE TO THE PROGRAM OF PROJECTS DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENT PROCESS.



**METS CY 2017
FTA SECTION 5307 (FFY16), SECTION 5339 (FFY16),
Section 5310 (FFY16) & CMAQ (FFY17)
GRANT APPLICATION PROGRAM OF PROJECTS**

Project Descriptions

Operating Assistance – Operating assistance to provide fixed route and ADA service.

Preventive Maintenance – Preventive Maintenance activities for METS include a 90-point inspection check, fluids and filters, and other routine preventive maintenance activities.

Renovations at Administration/Maintenance Building – Renovation and rehabilitation projects at the Administration/Maintenance building including updating electric service, concrete work in the garage, roof repair and relocation of flag poles.

Renovations at Downtown Terminal – Renovation and rehabilitation projects at the Downtown Terminal including painting, updates to the restrooms, concrete work and a new marquee showing news and information.

Benches – New benches for bus stops on fixed routes.

Bus Wash Engineering – Engineering design for upgrades to the bus wash at the maintenance building.

Planning – Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization will initiate the following planning projects as described in the FY 2017 & FY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP): Actions to Improve Transit Service and Internal Transit Management Efficiency.

Security Cameras for Buses – New cameras and camera equipment for buses to replace outdated equipment.

ADA Bus Stop Improvements – Sidewalk and accessible ramp improvements at fixed route bus stops.

Acquisition of Transit Bus – Acquisition of a 35' transit bus for the fixed route system.

Project Funding

Project	FTA			CMAQ	INDOT	LOCAL	TOTAL
	Sec 5307	Sec 5339	Sec 5310				
Operating Assistance*	\$483,577				\$2,205,189	\$2,586,683	\$5,275,449
Preventive Maintenance	\$1,115,144					\$810,790	\$1,925,934
Renovations @ Admin./Maint. Bldg	\$29,600					\$7,400	\$37,000
Renovations @ Downtown Terminal	\$182,800					\$45,700	\$228,500
Benches	\$5,506	0	0	0	0	\$1,377	\$6,883
Bus Wash Engineering	\$44,000	0	0	0	0	\$11,000	\$55,000
Planning	\$10,000	0	0	0	0	\$2,500	\$12,500
Security Cameras for Buses	0	\$76,182	0	0	0	\$19,046	\$95,228
ADA Bus Stop Improvements	0	0	\$77,562	0	0	\$19,391	\$96,953
Acquisition of Transit Bus	0	\$76,180	0	\$297,820	0	\$93,500	\$467,500
TOTAL	\$1,870,627	\$152,362	\$77,562	\$297,820	\$2,205,189	\$3,597,387	\$8,200,947

*Total cost for Operating Assistance represents a net cost, after deducting fares.