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Brown County Transit
Cottonwood County Transit
Faribault County Prairie Express
LeSueur Heartland Express
Mankato Heartland Express
Martin County Express
Prairieland Transit (Nobles County)
Rock County Heartland Express
St. Peter Transit
Watonwan County Take Me There
Western Community Action (Jackson County)
Trailblazer Transit (Sibley County)

This letter announces the solicitation for federally funded **TRANSIT CAPITAL INVESTMENT** projects to be considered by the District 7 Area Transportation Partnership (ATP-7) for inclusion in **Fiscal Year 2011** Area Transportation Improvement Program (ATIP).

Non-urbanized public transit systems currently under contract with Mn/DOT receiving operational grant funds are eligible to apply for funding assistance for **bus replacement**. The federal funds can match up to 80% of the vehicle cost. In order to receive bus replacement funds, the project has to be identified in the ATIP.

Applicants must submit the ATP-7 2011-2014 Transit Project Identification/Reporting Form. Older versions **will not** be accepted. This can be found at www.rndc.org then click on ATP Application Forms.

WEBSITE

www.dot.state.mn.us/d7/atp

The applications are reviewed and ranked by the ATP-7 transit subcommittee utilizing the ranking form. The ranking form is included on the web site for your information (no need for you to fill it out). The ATP-7 transit subcommittee then makes recommendations to the full ATP. Applicants are represented on the subcommittee by their Regional Development Commissions, by the two operators of District 7 Public Transit Systems that are on the ATP and by the District Transit Project Manager.

These vehicle replacement proposals will compete with other transportation projects, including road, bridge, safety and enhancements for federal funds.

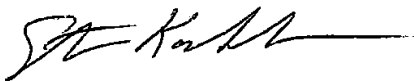
The deadline for proposing projects under this solicitation is December 31, 2009.

Applications must be hard copy and postmarked by this date and forwarded to:

**Area Transportation Partnership
Minnesota Department of Transportation
Jan Klassen
180 County Road 26
Windom, MN 56101**

★★ Questions concerning this application should be directed to Jan Klassen at 507-831-8011. ★★

Sincerely,



Steve Koehler, Chair
District 7 Area Transportation Partnership



Jim Swanson, P.E.
Transportation District Engineer