

Pursuant to Federal Transit Administration Circular Number 9030.1E, the purpose of this public notice and public hearing is to solicit comment on the Program of Projects proposed by the City of Billings MET Transit Division for which Federal operating and capital assistance under Section 5307 of the Federal Transit Act (49 U.S.C. 5307) is being sought. This Program of Projects is the final program unless otherwise amended.

1. Section 5307 of the Federal Transit Act apportioned \$2,433,651 to the Billings, Montana Urbanized Area for FFY2022 and \$2,490,065 for FFY2023.
2. To receive Section 5307 funds, the City of Billings, Montana, in its capacity as the Designated Recipient, is hereby publishing its Program of Projects as required by the Act.
3. Program of Projects for Billings, Montana Urbanized Area is generally described as follows:
 - a. Description of Program of Projects/Scope of Grants
 - i. Section 5307 - Eligible MET Transit Operating Assistance
 1. Project Period: July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2024
 2. Applicant: City of Billings, Montana
 3. Mass Transportation Operator to be assisted:
City of Billings MET Transit
 4. Transit Service Area of Project:
Billings Urbanized Area
 5. Estimated Project Costs as follows:

FFY2022	FEDERAL	LOCAL	TOTAL
Fixed Route Operating Expenses (50/50)	\$1,316,830	\$1,316,830	\$2,633,660
Paratransit (ADA) Expenses (20% of apportionment allowed for 80/20 match)	\$486,730	\$121,685	\$608,415
Preventive Maintenance (80/20) <i>Fleet & Facility</i>	\$621,677	\$155,420	\$777,097
Secured Lot Gate Upgrade (80/20) <i>Capital Project</i>	\$8,414	\$2,104	\$10,518
TOTAL:	\$2,433,651	\$1,596,039	\$4,029,690
FFY2023			
Fixed Route Operating Expenses (50/50)	\$1,368,052	\$1,368,052	\$2,736,104
Paratransit (ADA) Expenses (80/20)	\$498,013	\$124,504	\$622,517
Preventive Maintenance (80/20) <i>Fleet & Facility</i>	\$624,000	\$156,000	\$780,000
TOTAL:	\$2,490,065	\$1,648,556	\$4,138,621

**FFY 2023 Program of Projects does not include 1% security-related project requirement, as MET will be completing a large security camera project utilized other capital eligible funding.*

6. Anticipated sources of local funds identified above: Property Tax Revenue, Advertising Revenue, and State Revenues.
7. Anticipated source of Federal funds identified above:
Section 5307 of the Federal Transit Act.
 - ii. Total Projects by Source of Funds:
Federal Transit Administration
Section 5307 funds - \$4,923,716
City of Billings Transit fund - \$3,244,595
Total funds - \$8,168,311
- b. No persons, families, or businesses will be displaced by these projects.
- c. Environment - These projects will not have a significant environmental impact upon the Transit service area.
- d. Comprehensive Planning - These projects are in conformance with the comprehensive land use and transportation planning for the area and are consistent with the anticipated programming of projects in the upcoming Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Billings Urbanized Area.
- e. Elderly and Disabled - This project takes into consideration the special transportation needs of the seniors and individuals with disabilities through the adopted Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan (paratransit) within the urban transportation area.
- f. Charter Bus Operation - MET Transit does agree to abide by Federal Regulation 49 CFR-Part 604 concerning charter operation.
- g. School Bus Operations - MET Transit does not engage in school bus operations exclusively for the purpose of transporting students or school personnel.
- h. Private Enterprise - The City of Billings has and will continue to follow their adopted policy and procedures regarding private sector participation.