
GIAMPO – Policy Board

Tuesday, November 25, 2014

Regular Session

Item I2

Amendment to the FY 2015 Unified Planning Work Program: Transit Needs Assessment Plan -Resolution 2014-5

Staff Contact: Chad Nabity, Regional Planning Director

MEMORANDUM

TO: GIAMPO POLICY BOARD
FROM: JOHN T. ADAMS
SUBJECT: ITEM 7 – AMENDMENT TO FY 2015 FOR TRANSIT NEEDS ANALYSIS PLAN
DATE: NOVEMBER 17, 2014

BACKGROUND

In March of 2012, the City of Grand Island was declared a Census Defined Urbanized Area. This designation changed the funding streams and responsibilities for a number of programs, including those used to provide Transportation Services within the City of Grand Island. With this new designation, Section 5307 Urban Transit Funds became available to the City of Grand Island. Previously transit services were provided to Grand Island by Hall County using Section 5311 Rural Transit funds

As part of the FY 2015 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), the development of a Request for Proposal for a “Transit Needs Analysis Plan” was approved. The drafting of the RFP is nearly complete and should be ready for advertisement after the November Policy Board meeting.

PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT

Amend the FY 2015 UPWP, to include funding from the Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 Urban Transit Funds, for consulting services, to develop a “**Transit Needs Analysis Plan**” for the continuation of transit service within the City of Grand Island. The Plan shall include the following tasks:

Task 1. Project Announcement

Task 2. Assessment of Existing Public Transit Service Conditions

Identify all of the transit and social agencies that provide transit services. Once all of the service providers have been identified, the CONSULTANT will assess the services provided and the ridership of each agency. Methods used to collect this information may include, but are not limited to, on-board surveys and data collected by the provider(s).

Task 3. Determination of Latent Demand

The CONSULTANT shall conduct a needs assessment for transit services for residents within the Study Area.

Task 4. Transit Service Options

Using the latent demand research results and understanding of transit needs, the CONSULTANT shall develop a spectrum of delivery and funding alternatives designed to maximize the use of available federal funding related to levels of need. (ie Good,Better,Best).

Task 5. Recommendations

Based on the options for transit service the CONSULTANT shall make final recommendations for the most efficient and effective service delivery option, as paired with demand, funding, and other variables influencing the effectiveness of the system.

Task 6. Study Coordination

Currently, the GIAMPO Study area is conducting their initial Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP),the CONSULTANT shall work with the LRTP CONSULTANT group in the development of the transit section of the LRTP whenever possible is essential.

Task 7. Public/Community Involvement

City staff will oversee and guide the progress of the study. This committee as well as stakeholders must be taken into consideration throughout the study. The study shall incorporate creative and comprehensive public involvement in the course of the latent demand/needs assessment process.

Task 8. Conduct a final assessment

The analysis will consider the best service delivery option(s) that will meet the communities' vision, values, and goals.

Task 9. Produce overall draft project report that contains, as components, specific service delivery options, plans, and recommendations

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Task 10. Finalize reports with recommendations to the City of Grand Island and GIAMPO's TAC and POLICY Committee's

Presentations to appropriate stakeholder groups and public.

Task 11. Publicize findings/results and make available county-wide

Task 12 Assist in Development of RFP (if needed)

The consultant shall assist in the preparation of an RFP if needed to procure transit services locally and aid in evaluation of proposals received?

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Motion to amend the FY 2015 Unified Planning Work Program to include professional consultant services to conduct a "Transit Needs Analysis Plan" for the City of Grand Island.

**RESOLUTION 2014-5
OF THE GRAND ISLAND AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
(GIAMPO)**

**A resolution amending the FY 2015 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
Transit Needs Analysis Plan**

WHEREAS, the Policy Board of the Grand Island Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (GIAMPO), is designated by agreement as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Grand Island Urbanized area, by the Governor acting through the Nebraska Department of Roads in cooperation with locally elected officials; and

WHEREAS, the use of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 Rural Transit Funding will no longer be made available for transit service; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island is now the direct recipient of FTA Section 5307 Urban Transit funding to provide transit service; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island wishes to have a comprehensive "Transit Needs Analysis Plan" conducted by a consultant to identify the needs for mass transit in the area; and

WHEREAS, the GIAMPO Technical Committee has reviewed a summary of the tasks to be conducted by the consultant for the Transit Needs Analysis Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Technical Advisory Committee has made a recommendation to the Policy Board to amend the FY 2015 UPWP with funding for the "Transit Needs Analysis Plan" from the Federal Transit Administration through the Section 5307 Urban Transit Funding Program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Policy Board of the Grand Island Area Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Grand Island Urbanized Area amends:

The FY 2015 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to include a "Transit Needs Analysis Plan" to be performed in FY 2015, not to exceed \$100,000, FTA 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Funds, completion by fall 2015.

Certification:

The foregoing resolution was approved by the Grand Island Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board at its regularly scheduled meeting on November 25th, 2014.

Signed:

Mayor, Jay Vavricek, City of Grand Island
Chairperson

Date

Attest:

John Collins, P.E.
GIAMPO Director/Secretary

Date