



Le Sueur County, MN

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Board Meeting

Item 8

10:20 a.m. Darrell Pettis, County Administrator

1. True Transit Update

Staff Contact:

Notice of MnDOT Project Amendment
Reduced Local Share/10% Increase in State Funding - 2019 Public Transit Operating Grants

Dear Minnesota Public Transit System,

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) Office of Transit and Active Transportation has approved an one-time across-the-board **10% reduction in the local share** required for your 2019 Public Transit Operating Grant.

- Those grants that required a 15% local share will now require a 5% local share
- Those grants that required a 20% local share will now require a 10% local share

Transit service is a critical part of the communities where it operates. Based on our ongoing discussions with all transit providers, we understand that the cost of operational needs can outweigh available funding. Given the status of State and Federal fund balance, MnDOT is currently in a position to increase funding support in 2019. This reduction in local share requirements and increased state funding is retroactive to the beginning of 2019, so your next quarterly state payment will include two quarters of increased state funding. Federal participation and total budget amounts will remain unchanged. Amended operating contract details will be available soon.

This reduction in local share requirements applies only to the Calendar year 2019 grants. We look forward to our continued discussion of investment priorities and funding levels for Calendar year 2020 and beyond. This will include consideration of local share levels.

Lastly, while we know that all of the systems have varied and additional considerations that need to be weighed as to how these resources could be utilized locally, we do hope that this may be an opportunity to advance either the Five Year System Plans that will soon be completed or the Transit Development Plans that are in place.

We ask that all grant recipients communicate this change to their local partners.

Please contact Michael Johnson at michael.allan.johnson@state.mn.us or 651-366-4199, or your Transit Project Coordinator with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Victoria Nill, Director
Office of Transit and Active Transportation