

Notice of Public Hearings

Rides Mass Transit District and Jackson County Mass Transit District are general public transportation providers receiving Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 (49 U.S.C. § 5307) funding for urbanized areas providing capital, operating and planning assistance for mass transportation. This program was initiated by the Surface Transportation Act of 1982 and became FTA's primary transit assistance program in FY 1984.

Rides Mass Transit District and Jackson County Mass Transit District provide public transportation in the Carbondale urbanized area. A copy of the IL FY 22 Program of Projects for the Carbondale UZA and all applications for Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 and Section 5310 funding will be made available for public inspection at the hearings. As a requirement of their funding, public hearings will be held:

May 18, 1:00 p.m., Conference Call, RMTD Administration
May 20, 9:00 a.m., Conference Call, RMTD Administration
May 26, 5:00 p.m., Conference Call, RMTD Administration

FTA Section 5307 Funding amounts requested in the proposed Program of Projects:
Rides Mass Transit District- operating assistance in the amount of \$1,011,807
Jackson County Mass Transit District – operating assistance in the amount of \$508,993
At the hearings, the Rides Mass Transit District and Jackson County Mass Transit District will afford an opportunity for interested persons or agencies to be heard with respect to the social, economic, and environmental aspects of the project.

In addition, as a recipient of Federal Transit Administration grant funds, Rides Mass Transit District (RMTD) has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program to ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of federally funded contracts. On a triennial basis, RMTD is required to establish a participation goal for disadvantaged business enterprises.

In accordance with these requirements, we have created a DBE Goal for FY 2021-2023, and the goal is set at .03 percent. Rides Mass Transit District is conducting a public meeting to discuss the goal setting process. A copy of the plan is available on the agency website. The public is invited to comment on the goal either at the public meeting or via email. The meeting will be held on May 18 at 1:00 p.m. via RMTD conference line. Please submit comments to shanna.parmley@ridesmtd.com.

In the interest of public health by promoting social distancing and in accordance with the COVID-19 pandemic, interested persons may submit orally or in writing evidence and recommendations with respect to said projects. This may be done by calling by phone in advance at 1-618-253-8761, by US mail, by email at adam.lach@ridesmtd.com or at director@jcmttd.com or by conference call during the times of the published hearings by dialing 1-618-215-3728 followed by entering Conference ID: 047053#.

The Rides Mass Transit District and the Jackson County Mass Transit District request that any hearing-impaired person wishing to attend this Public Hearing notify Rides

Mass Transit District at 1-618-253-8761 in advance before the scheduled hearing date so that arrangements can be made to provide an interpreter. TTY users dial 1-800-526-0844.

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