Transportation Department

12/23/2015

Al Stanek, General Manager
Greater Peoria Mass Transit District
2105 NE Jefferson Ave
Peoria, IL 61603

Re: Greater Peoria Mass Transit District (GPMTD) Bus Stop Improvement Program

Dear Mr. Stanek:

The City of Pekin would be pleased to act as a co-sponsor for GPMTD's Bus Stop Improvement Program through the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP).

Being involved in the planning and application process will ensure that bus stop improvements within the City of Pekin are made in a strategic manner. We are certain that our thorough knowledge of Pekin, coupled with your in-depth understanding of bus stops and routes, will allow us to effectively prioritize which bus stop locations to enhance.

Please let us know if we can be of further assistance. We look forward to working with GPMTD on this important project.

Sincerely,

Ty Whitford
Superintendent of Transportation
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GREATER PEORIA MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 16-15

AUTHORIZING APPLYING FOR TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) GRANT FUNDS

WHEREAS, The Peoria-Pekin Urbanized Area Transportation Study (PPUATS) is soliciting applications for a Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funded program known as the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) to enhance transportation alternatives, and

WHEREAS, The TAP program has identified transit infrastructure improvement projects that achieve compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and projects that improve non-motorized transportation user safety and efficiency, and

WHEREAS, CityLink recently removed nearly 75 bus benches to address ADA handicapped access regulations, and

WHEREAS, Many of the former CityLink bus bench locations will be replaced by solar powered lighted shelters or will need preliminary engineering to design and construct concrete pads in locations with appropriate handicapped access, and

WHEREAS, the TAP grant program requires a local share ranging from 20% to 50%, and

WHEREAS, non-federal CityLink funds are available to meet local share requirements and CityLink staff have the experience and ability to oversee the completion of an accelerated bus bench and bus shelter replacement program including the contracting for professional preliminary engineering services,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Trustees of the Greater Peoria Mass Transit District hereby authorizes the General Manager to apply for TAP grant funding in both the 2015 and 2016 cycle seeking combined two year awards of up to $362,987.

Adopted by the Greater Peoria Mass Transit District this 14th day of December, 2015

Joan Krupa, Secretary
Board of Trustees
Greater Peoria Mass Transit District

Attest

CITY OF PEORIA

Peoria All-America City 2013

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

December 21, 2015

Mr. Al Stanek, General Manager
Greater Peoria Mass Transit District
2105 NE Jefferson Ave
Peoria, IL 61603

Re: Greater Peoria Mass Transit District (GPMTD) Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant Application

Dear Mr. Stanek:

It is my pleasure to write a letter in support of the Greater Peoria Mass Transit District's (GPMTD) Bus Stop Improvement Program application.

The City of Peoria has identified "investing in our infrastructure and transportation" as a critical success factor for our community. The City has adopted a Complete Streets Policy in order to make progress on this goal, which aims to create a transportation network that works for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit passengers of all ages and abilities. Improvements to bus stops through the installation of bus shelters and/or bus benches directly support this aim.

Ultimately, the City seeks to improve the quality of life of its residents. Creating greater accessibility at bus stops will allow our constituents to access jobs, health care, and shopping with greater ease.

GPMTD's proposed Bus Stop Improvement Program is consistent with the goals of the City of Peoria. I, therefore, fully support your grant application and wish you great success with the Program.

Very truly yours,

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December 16, 2015

Al Stanek, General Manager
Greater Peoria Mass Transit District
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Re: Greater Peoria Mass Transit District (GPMTD) Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant Application

Dear Mr. Stanek:

It is my pleasure to write a letter in support of Greater Peoria Mass Transit District's (GPMTD) Bus Stop Improvement Program grant application.

I am a frequent rider of both the fixed route and paratransit services. The availability of shelters at bus stops would allow me to use the fixed route service more often, as it would give me a place to sit and protect myself from inclement weather. In addition, upgrading the stop to be ADA-compliant would greatly improve my ability to safely board and de-board the fixed route bus. Finally, lighted shelters would make me feel safer when riding the bus after dark.

As a member of CityLink's ADA and Accessible Transportation Coalition Initiative (ATCI) committees, I have worked with GPMTD to improve accessibility for residents of the Greater Peoria Area. The Bus Stop Improvement Program will successfully address the missions of both committees.

I fully support the efforts of GPMTD to improve safety and accessibility through the installation of solar-powered bus shelters and/or benches. Any program that will enhance accessibility for the disabled population as well as the general public will benefit the community at large.

Sincerely,

Chris Mitchell

Chris Mitchell
CityLink ADA Committee member
CityLink ATCI Committee member

CWTC

Where people with disabilities
live, work and grow.

December 11, 2015

Al Stanek, General Manager
Greater Peoria Mass Transit District
2105 NE Jefferson Ave
Peoria, IL 61603

Re: Greater Peoria Mass Transit District (GPMTD) Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant Application

Dear Mr. Stanek:

It is my pleasure to write a letter in support of the Greater Peoria Mass Transit District's (GPMTD) Bus Stop Improvement Program application.

CWTC provides programs and services to adults with disabilities. It is our goal to enrich their quality of life and optimize their potential for independence.

Many of our clients rely on public transportation to access our day programs as well as employment and volunteer activities in the community at-large. Installing ADA-accessible bus shelters and/or benches throughout the CityLink service area will allow them to reach these various locations safely and with more ease.

CWTC is currently working with GPMTD to replace the outdated shelter located near our facilities. Currently, boarding and alighting at this bus stop is challenging for our clients who are mobility impaired. Upgrading the stop to be ADA-accessible will greatly benefit our clients. GPMTD's proposed Bus Stop Improvement Program is consistent with the mission of CWTC. We therefore fully support your grant application.

Sincerely,

Patti Gratton
Executive Director

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December 21, 2015

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Greater Peoria Mass Transit District
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Re: Greater Peoria Mass Transit District (GPMTD) Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant Application

Dear Mr. Stanek:

It is my pleasure to write a letter in support of the Greater Peoria Mass Transit District's (GPMTD) Bus Stop Improvement Program application.

The City of East Peoria strives to continuously improve the quality of life of our residents. The ability to access jobs, medical services, shopping, and entertainment directly affects our residents' productivity and well-being.

A number of our residents rely on public transportation to access destinations throughout the region. The installation of bus shelters and/or benches and upgrading stops to be ADA-compliant will allow public transportation riders to travel with improved safety and ease.

GPMTD's proposed Bus Shelter Improvement Program is consistent with the goal of improving the quality of life for the residents of the City of East Peoria. I therefore strongly support your grant application.

Sincerely,

Ty Livingston

Director of Planning & Community Development

Transportation Department

12/10/2015

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Greater Peoria Mass Transit District
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Re: Greater Peoria Mass Transit District (GPMTD) Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant Application

Dear Mr. Stanek:

I was pleased to learn that the Greater Peoria Mass Transit District (GPMTD) is applying for funding through the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) to upgrade bus stops.

The City of Pekin strives to continuously improve the quality of life of our residents. Many rely on public transportation to access jobs, doctor's appointments, and other daily needs. We want these individuals to be able to travel throughout the region safely and comfortably. Upgrading bus stops to be ADA-accessible will allow transit riders to more readily access our community and the region at-large.

The City of Pekin fully supports your grant application. We look forward to continuing to work with GPMTD to improve public transportation for the residents of Pekin.

Sincerely,

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City of West Peoria

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December 14, 2015

Al Stanek, General Manager
Greater Peoria Mass Transit District
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Peoria, IL 61603

Re: Greater Peoria Mass Transit District TAP Grant Application

Dear Mr. Stanek:

I was pleased to learn of the Greater Peoria Mass Transit District's (GPMTD) application to the Peoria-Pekin Urbanized Area Transportation Study (PPUATS) Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) for the installation of ADA accessible bus shelters and/or bus benches. .

Since West Peoria falls within the transit service area, I would like to take this opportunity to share my full support of the aforementioned project. The enhancement of bus stop locations in West Peoria compliments our strategy of a "better" West Peoria, which includes Community Services for Youth and Elderly and Town Beautification, to name a few.

The new, improved bus stops will benefit West Peoria's residents as well as tourists to our City.

As the Mayor, I strongly support the GPMTD in its efforts to seek financial assistance for this extremely important project.

Best regards,

James R. Dillon
Mayor

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Enclosed are two pictures the Old Bus Stop Design on page 1 and the new Bus Stop Design on page 2.

Old Bus Stop Design

New Bus Stop Design