

TO: Rowan County Board of Commissioners FROM: Valerie Steele, Airport and Transit Director

DATE: 12/15/22

SUBJECT: Public Hearing – FY24 Combined Capital Transportation Grant Application

The North Carolina Public Transportation Division is now accepting Transportation Program applications for fiscal year 2024. The BOC is the only official applicant for these funds and in that capacity Rowan County is required to hold a Public Hearing.

Combined Capital (Federal Section 5311, 5311 Appalachian, 5307, 5339) application will secure 90% grant support for Vehicles utilized in the rural and urban areas. In conjunction with submitting these budgets Rowan County must also execute agreements on multiple Federal and State certifications and assurances.

- 1. Eleven (11) vehicles qualify for replacement in FY 2024. DOT Useful Life Mileage is over 100,000 miles.
- 2. No guarantee the request for new vehicles will be approved by NCDOT.
- 3. Continue supply shortage. In previous years, vehicles would be delivered in the spring. Upon the receipt of replacement vehicles, the old vehicles must be removed from RTS service (surplus) and can then be sold at a County auction or through GOVDEALS.com with all proceeds to be spent on transit operations.

Requesting \$1,062,875 \$956,587 (90% grant) & \$106,288 (10% County Match)

The purpose of the public hearing is to allow residents of the community the opportunity to comment on Rowan County transportation needs and grant applications. This step requests the Board of Commissioners to publish a public notice in the newspaper that gives the date, time, and place for a public hearing. It is a requirement that the Public Hearing Notice provide a minimum of seven (7) calendar days notice and a maximum of fourteen (14) calendar days notice between the time the notice is published and the actual public hearing date.

BOC ACTION STEP:

Conduct Public Hearing on the FY 2024 Combined Capital Transportation Grant application. (BOC Clerk asked to provide an official record of the public hearing to be included in the application)

Approve Rowan Transit System to apply for the FY 2024 Combined Capital Grant.