

## Microtransit RFP Questions/Clarifications

- 1.) Is the sample budget of \$37,000 indicative of the expected study budget range? **The budget is open to negotiation based on the tasks and hours contained in the proposal. However, the total cost is not expected to exceed \$100,000.**
- 2.) What is the expected project duration/completion date? **The expected duration is 9-12 months. The completion date is dependent on the date a Notice to proceed is issued following contract negotiations and approval.**
- 3.) Are there FTA-specific requirements (DBE, Title VI, ADA compliance documentation) that apply given the FTA partnership? **Title VI and ADA will need to be within compliance for FTA-specific requirements.**
- 4.) What data will the City/RTS have available to provide (ridership data, route shapefiles, demographic data, existing studies)? **RTS will be able to provide ridership data, route shapefiles, and demographic data (census).**
- 5.) Does RTS have APC data available? **RTS does not have APC data available.**
- 6.) Can RTS provide a summary of existing technology (ies) it currently utilizes for operations? **The current technology system RTS uses is TripSpark – NOVUS to schedule complementary paratransit service rides.**
- 7.) What is the preferred project webpage platform, or is the consultant free to choose? **As of this time, the consultant is free to choose. However, the City is currently in the process of creating a new website. Depending on the timing of that process, a specific platform may be required in the future.**
- 8.) Please clarify if the City or Consultant is hosting the project website. **The Consultant will be responsible for hosting the website.**
- 9.) Are the required 10 printed copies of draft and final included in the budget, or is that a City cost? **That cost will be included in the consultant's budget.**
- 10.) The Scope of Services identifies a significant amount of public involvement including a minimum of four public meetings including one at project kick-off and one to present the draft report. Would Rapid City be able to provide their preference for the timing of the other two community outreach sessions? **The other outreach sessions will be developed in collaboration with the Study Advisory Team and the Project Manager.**
- 11.) As part of the microtransit model evaluation, is Rapid City Transit anticipating reviewing the performance of existing fixed-routes or segments of fixed-routes with the potential to replace them with on-demand transit zones? **RTS will not be reviewing the performance of the fixed-route system.**
- 12.) Would you be willing to accept electronic submission? **As stated in the RFP, four (4) copies of the proposal document should be submitted, along with one (1) digital submittal in Portable Document Format (Adobe® .pdf) form.**
- 13.) Will you accept submissions from Canadian firms? **Yes.**
- 14.) At the conclusion of the study, what decision is the MPO hoping to make that it cannot make today? **RTS aims to leverage the study's findings to support future decisions regarding the expansion of public transportation services in the Rapid City area.**
- 15.) Should the study be structured to directly support future grant applications, pilot programs, or near term implementation decisions? **This study should be structured to generate data-driven insights that will position RTS to pursue grant funding, develop targeted pilot programs, and make informed near-term decisions regarding public transportation expansion**