

CITY OF SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA  
Annual Progress Report  
Federal Transit Administration  
For Fiscal Year 2007  
October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007

Long-Range Transportation Planning (44.23.02)

City staff reviewed proposed land use changes and development proposals to determine the possible effects on the existing and future transportation system.

City staff analyzed potential long-term public transportation needs and funding requirements.

City staff participated in the land use development process, the transportation planning process, and reviewed project designs and the implications of those projects on the public transportation system.

City staff integrated socio-economic data into the planning activities of the public transportation system.

Transportation Improvements Program (44.25.00)

City staff analyzed Sioux Falls Transit's capital needs for 2008-2012 and submitted them for inclusion in the Other Capital Expenditures Program and Capital Improvements Program budgets. The five-year projection of public transportation's operating and capital needs were also developed and submitted for inclusion in the 2008-2012 TIP.

City staff assisted the contracted Transit management company with budgetary information and submitted Sioux Falls Transit's 2008 budget request to the Mayor and City Council.

City staff reviewed and analyzed the impacts of transportation improvement projects on the intermodal transportation facilities and routes within the urbanized area and the region.

City staff accounted for life-cycle costs when comparing specific project cost estimates to estimates of available financial resources.

City staff updated the public transportation element of the Transportation System Management Efficiency Report, which documents the short-range, low-cost improvements completed during 2006.

City staff evaluated and monitored the transit system's operational characteristics utilizing monthly reports and operational characteristics of the transit and paratransit system to identify necessary changes.

City staff analyzed the feasibility of various transit and paratransit service options and identified short-range improvements.

Process Operations (44.21.00)

Staff participated in the 2007 Sioux Falls MPO planning Certification Review. June Hansen, SDDOT staff member, conducted the review and the Urbanized

Development Commission self-certified the local transportation planning process. Environmental justice compliance was assessed as part of the Certification review. Staff monitored the activities outlined in the 2007 UPWP and submitted vouchers for reimbursement of eligible transit planning work activities.

Staff monitored the implementation of grant activities and UPWP budget amendments as necessary. Documentation was updated on a monthly basis to assist in this process.

Staff attended transportation planning committee meetings and held public meetings throughout the year, allowing coordination between transportation stakeholders, social and human service agency staff, and governmental entities.

Staff reviewed USDOT regulations, guidance, and circulars, and reviewed the best practices information from other sources to ensure compliance with regulations, to implement new programs authorized by SAFETEA-LU, and to consider cutting-edge ideas.

City staff provided general administrative support for FTA 49 USC Section 5309, Section 5307 and Section 5303 grants including submitting the required quarterly Milestone and Financial Status Reports.

City staff completed procurements for various capital items.

City staff published an annual charter notice to identify all willing and able charter providers.

City staff coordinated and staffed monthly meetings of the Public Transit Advisory Board (PTAB). Among other things, these meetings provide a regular opportunity for public input regarding public transportation issues.

City staff provided ongoing public transportation information via the City's website and CityLink Cable Channel 16.

City staff participated in meetings with non-profit social and human service agency staff to pursue opportunities to coordinate local transportation services as well as to address unmet transportation needs in the community.

City staff monitored the transit system's safety program and participated in reviews of transit's safety and training program.

City staff ensured that the public transportation system continues to meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

City staff met with the Sioux Falls Transit General Manager on a weekly basis to discuss ongoing coordination issues.

City staff participated in and finalized the objectives of the Accessible Transportation for All Study Group, a group of 18 citizens working toward consensus on making recommendations as to the appropriate allocation of available funds among fixed route and paratransit services. Implemented recommendations include defining paratransit service area boundaries, service provision changes such as setting the standard service policy to door-to-door which was previously curb-to-curb, and various paratransit administrative policies such as penalties for door cancels, late cancels, and no-shows.

City staff, in consultation with PTAB, revamped its Homeless Bus Pass Program which is now called the Pass-it-on Program. Improvements include changes to the implementation of the program and better monitoring policies. The program serves not only the homeless but individuals experiencing a short-term economic hardship.

Other Planning (44.27.00)

City staff attended the following conferences: MPO regional conference and the FTA Region 8 Grantee Conference.

City staff purchased subscriptions to transit-related literature.