Winona Transit



Agency Background

Winona Transit Service is the public transportation program that serves primarily the cities of Winona and Goodview and is administered through the City Clerk's office. The City runs four daily routes under the route deviation program, as well as a Dial a Ride service under the demand response program. The City also runs three subscription routes for Winona State University, and one route for both WSU and Saint Mary's University. The service is operated by Three Rivers Community Action under a contractual arrangement.

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Hours of Operation

Monday – Friday: 6:00 am – 6:00 pm Saturday: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Sunday: NA

Future Needs – Buses

The City owns the fleet that is used by the contractor to provide service for the Winona Transit program. There are nine vehicles that are used for service, eight of which are 500 class vehicles and one of which is a 400 class vehicle. The vehicles are wheelchair accessible and are equipped with bike racks. The contract years are between 2009 and 2018.

Future Needs – Facilities

The City owns the bus garage, which houses the Winona Transit fleet. The contractor fuels at the city pumps, but the fleet is maintained by the contractor through other third party vendors. The City also owns four bus shelters and 30 bus benches placed throughout the city.

There is a need to increase the number of shelters and update and replace bus stop signs.

Future Needs – Operations

The City is currently redesigning the 4 daily routes to reduce travel time and add 2 transfer hubs in additional to the current downtown hub. The City is also exploring expanded hours of service later in the evening, as well as the need for service between Winona and La Crosse, Wisconsin.

Future Needs – Technology

The contractor uses TripSpark, which is a software program developed by Trapeze for medium size transit properties. Drivers use tablets to track ridership and other data. The City is working with Winona State to implement a bus tracking application for the Winona State routes, and would like to eventually use a bus tracking application system-wide.

The City also recently purchased Remix, which is a route planning software program. City staff has been using the program to help them design route changes that are planned for mid-2019.

Budget Information

The total 2019 operating budget is \$928,978.

Legislative Districts

Legislative District: 28

Congressional District: 1