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To: Mike Brienzo - Engineering Services
From: Brian Praeuner - StarTran
Date: February 28, 2003
Subject: Private Enterprise and Transportation Improvement Program
cc: Allan Abbott - PW/U

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING AS PART OF THE F.Y. 2004-2006 & 2007-2009 TIP:

The January 24, 1986 Federal Register contains a requirement that documentation of review of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Annual Element for conformance with the FTA private enterprise policies be provided. This memo responds to that requirement by documenting the results of the "Process for Private Sector Participation in Planning and Provision of Transit Services - Lincoln, Nebraska" as developed by the MPO on June 23, 1986, as follows:

1. Conduct and maintain an inventory of private-for-profit operators within Lincoln area and on national level (as provided by FTA).

Inventory of 7 "national" and 4 "local" private-for-profit operators compiled, utilizing local and FTA sources of information (see Attachment #1).

2. Provide reasonable notice and opportunity for comment to private-for-profit operators of proposed transportation plans and programs.

The StarTran portion of the draft F.Y. 2004-2006 & 2007-2009 Lincoln Lancaster County TIP was forwarded to all inventoried private-for-profit operators on February 10, 2003. This information was to:

- * Provide reasonable notice of proposed transportation plans and programs;
- * Provide opportunity for private operators to review and comment on existing, restructured, and new services;
- * Provide opportunity for private operators to propose privately operated services for Lincoln's transit program.

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Comments on the transit services described in the draft F.Y. 2004-2006 & 2007-2009 TIP and proposals for provision of privately operated services were to be received no later than February 27, 2003. See Attachment #2 for a sample of the February 10, 2003 letter to the private-for-profit operators.

3. Additional information provided as requested.

StarTran staff responded to questions from private operators as appropriate.

4. Development of a local procedure for comparing costs on any service proposals received versus public and non-public and nonprofit operations. Such a procedure should conform with generally accepted accounting principles and be fair and reasonable.

A local procedure for comparing costs of any service proposals received versus public and non-profit operations was developed and forwarded to FTA on September 26, 1986 for review and comment. That procedure was subsequently accepted by FTA officials. It was noted that a more specific cost comparison process will be developed and implemented when, and if, a RPF for specific transit service is distributed by the City as specific data will be required of proposers when submissions are provided.

5. The Technical Committee, Officials Committee and MPO to be advised of any service proposals received as a result of this process prior to their review and actions on the TIP. Evaluation of any proposals received will be expected to follow MPO action on the TIP but would be completed, with the appropriate documentation, prior to submittal of grant request.

We anticipate no submissions, contracts, or service proposals will be received from any of the national and local private-for-profit operators contacted. If proposals are received an evaluation of the proposals will be performed.

It is recommended that the Technical Committee, Officials Committee, and the MPO, as part of the review and action on the F.Y. 2004-2006 & 2007-2009 Transportation Improvement Program, acknowledge that the "Process for Private Sector Participation in Planning and Provision of Transit Services - Lincoln, Nebraska" was carried out and that no service proposals were received. It is also recommended that the StarTran portion of the draft F.Y. 2004-2006 & 2007-2009 Transportation Improvement Program can be approved as submitted.

A copy of StarTran's F.Y. 2004-2009 Transportation Improvement Program is enclosed.

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To Whom It May Concern:

In conformance with the guidance contained in the October 22, 1984 and January 24, 1986 Federal Registers regarding private enterprise participation in Federal Transit Administration Programs, enclosed is a copy of the StarTran portion of the draft 2004-2009 Lincoln-Lancaster County, Nebraska Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

This information is being forwarded to both Lincoln and national private-for-profit operators to provide reasonable notice of proposed transportation plans and programs and opportunity for private operators to review and comment on existing, special services restructured, and new services and to propose privately operated services for Lincoln's transit program. Additional information regarding the attached program will be provided upon request by contacting this department.

Comments on the transit services described in the enclosed program and proposals for the provision of privately operated services for Lincoln's transit program are to be received by me no later than February 27, 2003. Proposals received will be evaluated in a manner consistent with Federal Transit Administration (FTA) policies, and proposers will be advised of the results of that evaluation in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

cc: Shannon Graves - FTA, Region VII