

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Subject: Transit Agreement with NIACOG – City and County/Regional

Background Summary:

Attached are the annual contracts with NIACOG to administer the federal transit program for both the City and County/Regional Services. These are largely unchanged however Kevin Kramer from NIACOG did reduce some of the estimated ride assumptions found in the appendix for City and County/Regional Service. Plus county service was allowed to add a smaller vehicle for use on county/regional when rider numbers are lower. So that vehicle was added, other wise the agreements are the same.

I did ask Kevin Kramer if any other communities were increasing ticket prices for riders, and at publishing time here he had not responded. But I know the thought on raising ticket prices has historically been as viewed as overly burdensome on the public being served. About 6-7 years ago we did change the Student ticket to \$1.50 from \$1.00. And when the city was forced to take on the transit operations in FY19 we changed General Public from \$3 to \$4 and began selling General Public Tickets at that time.

Current/Proposed Ticket Pricing

- Within City
 - Elderly/Disabled - \$1.00 per one way
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 - General Public - \$4.00 per one way
- Outside County (Within Region)
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TRANSIT SERVICE AGREEMENT

for FY 2023

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and

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1.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS

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If either party abandons or before completion, discontinues the PROJECT; or if by reason the commencement, prosecution or timely completion, of the PROJECT by either party is rendered improbable, infeasible, impossible, or illegal, the other party may, by written notice of 15 days, terminate the Agreement or suspend any or all of its obligations under this Agreement until such time as the events or conditions resulting in such suspension has ceased or been corrected.

8.0 RENEWAL, RENEGOTIATION, AND MODIFICATION

8.1 PROVISION FOR AMENDMENTS

This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent. Said amendment to be in writing and signed by both parties.

8.2 SIGNATORY REQUIREMENTS

Any amendment to the language of the Agreement, excepting Appendix A or any financial amendment will require the signatures of the authorized representatives.

Any amendment to Appendix A of a non-financial nature may be made by the PROJECT Managers and will require their signatures only.

Any day-to-day operational change of the PROJECT services of a total duration of ten (10) working days or less may be made by verbal agreement of the PROJECT Managers.

9.0 ASSIGNABILITY AND SUBCONTRACTING

TRANSIT PROVIDER will delegate, assign, and subcontract certain rights and obligations under this Agreement to Circle K Communications, Inc., an Iowa Corporation with a principal place of business in Charles City, Iowa (Circle K), including but not limited to scheduling and dispatching services, operation support, daily storage and maintenance of vehicles, reporting requirements, and maintenance of accounting and records.

NIACOG understands that TRANSIT PROVIDER has subcontracted and assigned or will subcontract and assign certain rights and obligations to Circle K in connection with this Agreement, and NIACOG hereby approves of and consents to such subcontract, delegation, and assignment.

TRANSIT PROVIDER shall not otherwise subcontract, assign, or transfer any other vehicle operations for this project without the prior approval of NIACOG and of the Iowa Department of Transportation. In the event of such approval, the party or parties to whom such work is contracted, assigned, or transferred, shall be bound and obligated by the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

10.0 ADDITIONAL AGREEMENT PROVISIONS

10.1 WORDING

All words used herein in the singular form shall extend to and include the plural.
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10.2 SUCCESSORS & ASSIGNS

It is further understood that this Agreement and all contracts entered into and under this Agreement shall be binding upon TRANSIT PROVIDER, NIACOG, and their successors and assigns.

10.3 PROHIBITED INTEREST

No member, officer or employee of NIACOG or TRANSIT PROVIDER during this tenure or for one year thereafter shall have any interest, direct or indirect, in this contract or the proceeds thereof.

No member or delegate to the Iowa State Legislature or to the Congress of the United States shall be admitted to any share or part of the Agreement or any benefit arising here from.

10.4 ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement, expresses the entire Agreement between the parties and no representations, promises, or warranties have been made by either of the parties that are not fully expressed herein concerning this PROJECT.

10.5 SAVINGS CLAUSE

If any provision of this Agreement is held invalid, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby if such remainder would then continue to conform to the terms and requirements of applicable law.

10.6 BONUS AND COMMISSION PROHIBITION

By execution of the Agreement, NIACOG and TRANSIT PROVIDER represent that they have not paid and, also, agree not to pay, any bonus or commission for the purpose of obtaining an approval of this Agreement.

10.7 COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

NIACOG and TRANSIT PROVIDER agree to comply with all Federal, State, and Local laws, ordinances and resolutions applicable to this Agreement.

10.8 IOWA DOT AUDIT

TRANSIT PROVIDER shall permit the Iowa Department of Transportation to inspect and audit all work materials, records, books and accounts and any other data with regards to the AGREEMENT. All records applicable to the AGREEMENT must be retained and available to the Iowa Department of Transportation for a period of three years after the closing of the AGREEMENT period.

10.9 REQUIRED ELEMENTS

The following are mandatory Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and/or Iowa Department of Transportation requirements to be incorporated into all third party Operating Contracts and Agreements for FY 2023. Some of the items have been discussed in the text of this Agreement.

1. Service is for the transportation of passengers and is open to all members of the public on an equal basis.
2. NIACOG owned vehicles are insured for service to all members of the public.
3. NIACOG will provide Liability coverage to a minimum of \$2.0 million including uninsured and underinsured driver coverage on all NIACOG owned vehicles.
4. Each driver of a NIACOG vehicle shall have a valid class "C" Commercial Motor Vehicle Driver License with a passenger endorsement, per the Federal Program guidelines..
5. All revenues received by TRANSIT PROVIDER from passengers must be reported to NIACOG and will be credited against TRANSIT PROVIDER'S operating costs.
6. TRANSIT PROVIDER will participate in a Drug and Alcohol Testing program that conforms to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regulations; 49 CFR Parts 29, 40 and 655. These regulations mandate that NIACOG and each of its subcontractors or providers comply with "Procedures for Transportation Workplace Drug and Alcohol Testing Programs". All safety-sensitive personnel are required to submit to drug and alcohol testing. NIACOG has adopted policies pursuant to these regulations that are detailed in the *Region 2 Transit System's, Policy and Procedures*, manual. Required testing will occur for prohibited drugs and alcohol, in these circumstances: pre-employment, random selection, reasonable suspicion, post accident, return to duty and follow-up.
7. SMOKEFREE AIR ACT - Smoking is prohibited and no person shall smoke in any of the following: The grounds of any buildings or within any vehicles owned, leased, or operated by or under the control of NIACOG.
8. SEAT BELT USE - In compliance with Federal Executive Order No. 13043, "Increasing Seat Belt Use in the United States," TRANSIT PROVIDER will adopt and promote on-the-job seat belt use policies and programs for its employees and other personnel that operate NIACOG owned vehicles.
9. TEXTING WHILE DRIVING AND DISTRACTED DRIVING - Consistent with Executive Order No. 13513, "Federal Leadership on Reducing Text

Messaging While Driving,” TRANSIT PROVIDER will prohibit the use of hand held mobile devices while operating NIACOG owned vehicles.

11. NON-DISCRIMINATION

11.1 CIVIL RIGHTS

TRANSIT PROVIDER will comply with all the requirements imposed by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the non-discrimination clauses that follow.

11.2 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

- (A) In connection with the execution of this contract, TRANSIT PROVIDER shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, age, handicap, religion, color, sex or national origin. TRANSIT PROVIDER shall take affirmative action to insure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during their employment, without regard to their race, age, handicap, religion, color, sex or national origin. Such actions shall include, but not limited to the following:

Employment, promotion, demotion or transfer, recruitment, or recruitment advertising, layoff, or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, selection for training (including apprenticeship), procurements of materials, and leases of equipment.

TRANSIT PROVIDER shall not participate either directly or indirectly in prohibited discrimination.

- (B) In all solicitations either by competitive bidding or negotiation made by TRANSIT PROVIDER for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurement of materials or leases or equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier shall be notified by TRANSIT PROVIDER of TRANSIT PROVIDER's obligations under this contract relative to nondiscrimination on the grounds of race, age, handicap, color, sex, national origin, or religion.

11.3 DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

In connection with the performance of this contract, TRANSIT PROVIDER will cooperate with the Iowa Department of Transportation in meeting its commitments and goals with regard to the maximum utilization of disadvantaged business enterprises and will use its best efforts to insure that disadvantaged business enterprises shall have the maximum practicable opportunity to compete for subcontract work under this contract.

12. HOLD HARMLESS

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13. VEHICLES

Vehicles assigned to the Project:

Same busses as last year which were just recently replaced.

ID	YEAR	MAKE/MODEL	VIN	FEE
E012	2021	Ford/Elkhart Coach Bus	1FD4E4FN3MDC27599	\$ 1.00
E013	2021	Ford/Elkhart Coach Bus	1FD4E4FN6MDC27600	\$ 1.00
E014	2021	Ford/Elkhart Coach Bus	1FD4E4FN8MDC27601	\$ 1.00

1. NIACOG will provide properly maintained and insured vehicles.
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3. NIACOG reserves the right to use these vehicles for other operations when not under normal use per this Agreement.
4. TRANSIT PROVIDER will assure proper utilization of the assigned vehicles.
5. Each vehicle listed in Section 13 of this AGREEMENT shall bear Iowa Transit vehicle license plates and regional transit system signage, prominently displayed on the right and left side of the vehicle.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereunto have caused this AGREEMENT to be executed by their proper officials thereunto duly authorized as of the dates below indicated.

North Iowa Area Council of Governments

By: _____
Myrtle Nelson, Executive Director

Date

City of Charles City

By: _____
Dean Andrews, Mayor

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APPENDIX A

1. NIACOG will reimburse TRANSIT PROVIDER for ONE HALF OF THE SERVICE'S MONTHLY OPERATING DEFICIT. The operating deficit shall be determined by subtracting the coupon and fare revenue from the eligible monthly operating costs. NIACOG shall determine the eligibility of all costs.

2. Estimated number of service units	25,450
Estimated contributions/fares	<u>\$ 27,000</u>
Maximum contract amount	<u>\$ 300,000</u>
Possible sources of support	<u>FTA, STA, Fares, City, SA, NEMT,</u>
Estimated yearly mileage for the TRANSIT PROVIDER is	<u>45,000.</u>

estimates reduces by about 50% from FY22. Max contract amount increased by \$93,000.

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Fare Rates

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Noted minor changes on
Pages 12 & 14- otherwise
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7.0 TERMINATION OR SUSPENSION OF PROJECT

7.1 TERMINATION OR SUSPENSION GENERALLY

If either party abandons or before completion, discontinues the PROJECT; or if by reason the commencement, prosecution or timely completion, of the

PROJECT by either party is rendered improbable, infeasible, impossible, or illegal, the other party may, by written notice of 15 days, terminate the Agreement or suspend any or all of its obligations under this Agreement until such time as the events or conditions resulting in such suspension has ceased or been corrected.

8.0 RENEWAL, RENEGOTIATION, AND MODIFICATION

8.1 PROVISION FOR AMENDMENTS

This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent. Said amendment to be in writing and signed by both parties.

8.2 SIGNATORY REQUIREMENTS

Any amendment to the language of the Agreement, excepting Appendix A or any financial amendment will require the signatures of the authorized representatives.

Any amendment to Appendix A of a non-financial nature may be made by the PROJECT Managers and will require their signatures only.

Any day-to-day operational change of the PROJECT services of a total duration of ten (10) working days or less may be made by verbal agreement of the PROJECT Managers.

9.0 ASSIGNABILITY AND SUBCONTRACTING

TRANSIT PROVIDER will delegate, assign, certain rights and obligations under this Agreement to NIACOG's subcontractor, Circle K Communications, Inc., an Iowa Corporation with a principal place of business in Charles City, Iowa (Circle K), including but not limited to scheduling and dispatching services, operation support, daily storage and maintenance of vehicles, reporting requirements, and maintenance of accounting and records.

TRANSIT PROVIDER understands that NIACOG has subcontracted and assigned or will subcontract and assign certain rights and obligations to Circle K in connection with this Agreement, and TRANSIT PROVIDER hereby approves of and consents to such subcontract, delegation, and assignment.

TRANSIT PROVIDER shall not otherwise subcontract, assign, or transfer any other vehicle operations for this project without the prior approval of NIACOG and of the Iowa Department of Transportation. In the event of such approval, the party or parties to whom such work is contracted, assigned, or transferred, shall be bound and obligated by the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

10.0 ADDITIONAL AGREEMENT PROVISIONS

10.1 WORDING

All words used herein in the singular form shall extend to and include the plural. All words used herein in the plural form shall extend to and include the singular. All words used in any gender shall extend to and include all genders.

10.2 SUCCESSORS & ASSIGNS

It is further understood that this Agreement and all contracts entered into and under this Agreement shall be binding upon TRANSIT PROVIDER, NIACOG, and their successors and assigns.

10.3 PROHIBITED INTEREST

No member, officer or employee of NIACOG or TRANSIT PROVIDER during this tenure or for one year thereafter shall have any interest, direct or indirect, in this contract or the proceeds thereof.

No member or delegate to the Iowa State Legislature or to the Congress of the United States shall be admitted to any share or part of the Agreement or any benefit arising here from.

10.4 ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement, expresses the entire Agreement between the parties and no representations, promises, or warranties have been made by either of the parties that are not fully expressed herein concerning this PROJECT.

10.5 SAVINGS CLAUSE

If any provision of this Agreement is held invalid, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby if such remainder would then continue to conform to the terms and requirements of applicable law.

10.6 BONUS AND COMMISSION PROHIBITION

By execution of the Agreement, NIACOG and TRANSIT PROVIDER represent that they have not paid and, also, agree not to pay, any bonus or commission for the purpose of obtaining an approval of this Agreement.

10.7 COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

NIACOG and TRANSIT PROVIDER agree to comply with all Federal, State, and Local laws, ordinances and resolutions applicable to this Agreement.

10.8 IOWA DOT AUDIT

TRANSIT PROVIDER shall permit the Iowa Department of Transportation to inspect and audit all work materials, records, books and accounts and any other data with regards to the AGREEMENT. All records applicable to the AGREEMENT must be retained and available to the Iowa Department of Transportation for a period of three years after the closing of the AGREEMENT period.

10.9 REQUIRED ELEMENTS

The following are mandatory Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and/or Iowa Department of Transportation requirements to be incorporated into all third party Operating Contracts and Agreements for FY 2023. Some of the items have been discussed in the text of this Agreement.

1. Service is for the transportation of passengers and is open to all members of the public on an equal basis.
2. NIACOG owned vehicles are insured for service to all members of the public.
3. NIACOG will provide Liability coverage to a minimum of \$2.0 million including uninsured and underinsured driver coverage on all NIACOG owned vehicles.
4. Each driver of a NIACOG vehicle shall have a valid class "C" Commercial Motor Vehicle Driver License with a passenger endorsement, per the Federal Program guidelines..
5. All revenues received by TRANSIT PROVIDER from passengers must be reported to NIACOG and will be credited against TRANSIT PROVIDER'S operating costs.
6. TRANSIT PROVIDER will participate in a Drug and Alcohol Testing program that conforms to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regulations; 49 CFR Parts 29, 40 and 655. These regulations mandate that NIACOG and each of its subcontractors or providers comply with "Procedures for Transportation Workplace Drug and Alcohol Testing Programs". All safety-sensitive personnel are required to submit to drug and alcohol testing. NIACOG has adopted policies pursuant to these regulations that are detailed in the *Region 2 Transit System's, Policy and Procedures*, manual. Required testing will occur for prohibited drugs and alcohol, in these circumstances: pre-employment, random selection, reasonable suspicion, post accident, return to duty and follow-up.
7. SMOKEFREE AIR ACT - Smoking is prohibited and no person shall smoke in any of the following: The grounds of any buildings or within any vehicles owned, leased, or operated by or under the control of NIACOG.

8. SEAT BELT USE - In compliance with Federal Executive Order No. 13043, "Increasing Seat Belt Use in the United States," TRANSIT PROVIDER will adopt and promote on-the-job seat belt use policies and programs for its employees and other personnel that operate NIACOG owned vehicles.
9. TEXTING WHILE DRIVING AND DISTRACTED DRIVING - Consistent with Executive Order No. 13513, "Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging While Driving," TRANSIT PROVIDER will prohibit the use of hand held mobile devices while operating NIACOG owned vehicles.

11. NON-DISCRIMINATION

11.1 CIVIL RIGHTS

TRANSIT PROVIDER will comply with all the requirements imposed by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the non-discrimination clauses that follow.

11.2 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

- (A) In connection with the execution of this contract, TRANSIT PROVIDER shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, age, handicap, religion, color, sex or national origin. TRANSIT PROVIDER shall take affirmative action to insure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during their employment, without regard to their race, age, handicap, religion, color, sex or national origin. Such actions shall include, but not limited to the following:

Employment, promotion, demotion or transfer, recruitment, or recruitment advertising, layoff, or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, selection for training (including apprenticeship), procurements of materials, and leases of equipment.

TRANSIT PROVIDER shall not participate either directly or indirectly in prohibited discrimination.

- (B) In all solicitations either by competitive bidding or negotiation made by TRANSIT PROVIDER for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurement of materials or leases or equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier shall be notified by TRANSIT PROVIDER of TRANSIT PROVIDER's obligations under this contract relative to nondiscrimination on the grounds of race, age, handicap, color, sex, national origin, or religion.

11.3 DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

In connection with the performance of this contract, TRANSIT PROVIDER will cooperate with the Iowa Department of Transportation in meeting its commitments and goals with regard to the maximum utilization of disadvantaged business

enterprises and will use its best efforts to insure that disadvantaged business enterprises shall have the maximum practicable opportunity to compete for subcontract work under this contract.

12. HOLD HARMLESS

NIACOG and TRANSIT PROVIDER will hold the Iowa Department of Transportation harmless from any losses related to the provision of contract services or to the use of vehicles purchased with funds administered by the Iowa Department of Transportation Office of Public Transit.

TRANSIT PROVIDER agrees to hold NIACOG harmless from losses that are beyond NIACOG's control that may prevent the provision of the services called for in this AGREEMENT.

NIACOG agrees to hold the TRANSIT PROVIDER harmless from losses resulting from transit system actions. This "Hold Harmless" clause will not relieve TRANSIT PROVIDER of any responsibilities due to neglect on the part of a TRANSIT PROVIDER employee.

13. VEHICLES

Vehicles assigned to the Project:

ID	YEAR	MAKE/MODEL	VIN	FEE
2009	2019	Ford / EIDorado Aerotech	1FDFE4FS2KDC74965	\$1.00
B021	2013	Chevrolet / Turtle Top	1GB3G2CG9D1115438	\$1.00

Were able to add a "Van"/smaller vehicle for regional rides.

1. NIACOG will provide properly maintained and insured vehicles.
2. It is the responsibility of TRANSIT PROVIDER to follow proper daily maintenance procedures and to operate as efficiently and as economically as possible.
3. NIACOG reserves the right to use these vehicles for other operations when not under normal use per this Agreement.
4. TRANSIT PROVIDER will assure proper utilization of the assigned vehicles.
5. Each vehicle listed in Section 13 of this AGREEMENT shall bear Iowa Transit vehicle license plates and regional transit system signage, prominently displayed on the right and left side of the vehicle.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereunto have caused this AGREEMENT to be executed by their proper officials thereunto duly authorized as of the dates below indicated.

North Iowa Area Council of Governments

By: _____
Myrtle Nelson, Executive Director

Date

City of Charles City

By: _____
Dean Andrews, Mayor

Date

APPENDIX A

1. NIACOG will reimburse TRANSIT PROVIDER for THE FULL SERVICE'S MONTHLY OPERATING DEFICIT. The operating deficit shall be determined by subtracting the coupon and fare revenue from the eligible monthly operating costs. NIACOG shall determine the eligibility of all costs.

2. Estimated number of service units	<u>3,000</u>
Estimated contributions/fares	<u>\$ 5,500</u>
Maximum contract amount	<u>\$ 150,000</u>
Possible sources of support	<u>FTA, STA, Fares, COUNTY, NEMT</u>
Estimated yearly mileage for the TRANSIT PROVIDER is	<u>40,000.</u>

Estimates reduced by about 50% from FY22 agreement

3. TRANSIT PROVIDER agrees to request a cash contribution from each elderly (60 years of age or older) or disabled person with disabilities for each one-way trip provided. The TRANSIT PROVIDER further agrees to accept a legitimate rider coupon in lieu of a cash contribution for each one-way trip from any eligible person.

Fare Rates

Within County

Elderly/Disabled/Student (pink ticket)	\$2.00 per one way ride
General Public	\$4.00 per one way ride

Outside County (Within Region) (yellow ticket)

Elderly/Disabled/Student	\$3.00 per one way ride
General Public	\$5.00 per one way ride

4. NIACOG will be responsible for obtaining insurance coverage for the vehicles used in connection with the project. NIACOG will charge back insurance coverage to the TRANSIT PROVIDER including comprehensive and collision deductibles.
5. TRANSIT PROVIDER will pay NIACOG \$ 2.00 to be applied to a Capital Match Fund for future purchases of capital equipment or rehabilitation of existing equipment.
6. TRANSIT PROVIDER will reimburse NIACOG within 30 days of the receipt of an invoice.
7. The TRANSIT PROVIDER shall submit a monthly transit report on a form provided by NIACOG detailing total miles traveled, total one-way trips provided, total hours of service, total personnel expenses, etc. Said report is due to NIACOG by the 10th day of the following month in which service was provided.