Public Transit in Oshkosh

Presentation for TDP Steering Committee

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Presentation Outline

• Mission
• Organization Info
• GO Transit Services
• Assets
• Funding, Revenue & Budget
• Federal Laws, Regulations & Requirements
• Future Concerns
• Resources & Contacts
GO Transit Mission

...provide reliable, affordable and accessible public transportation options to support our community's mobility needs.

Brand characteristics

- Affordable
- Reliable
- Friendly
- Professional
Organization Info

- 21 bus drivers, 4 maintenance staff, 6 administrative staff
- Transit Division (GO Transit) is located in City of Oshkosh’s Transportation Department
- 7 member Transit Advisory Board
- Common Council
GO Transit Services

- **Fixed bus service**
  - 9 routes in the city
  - Monday – Saturday 6:15 AM – 6:45 PM

- **Intercity bus route service**
  - Service b/t Oshkosh & Neenah
  - Mon-Fri, 7.5 round trips 6:30 AM – 6:30 PM
  - Sat, 6.5 round trips, 7:30 AM – 6:30 PM
  - Connects with Valley Transit routes
  - Contracted with Kobussen
GO Transit Services cont.

• Paratransit Programs (GO Plus)
  • ADA Paratransit Service
  • Additional Demand Response Service
    • Access-to-Jobs
    • Senior Dial-a-Ride*
    • Rural Program*
      *locally funded by Winnebago County
  
• Contract with Oshkosh City Cab & Running, Inc.
GO Transit Facilities

• Administration & Maintenance Facility
  • 926 Dempsey Trail

• Downtown Transit Center
  • 110 Pearl Ave

• 26 Passenger Shelters & 12 benches
GO Transit Vehicles

• Current Fleet = 16 Low-Floor Buses

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Operating Funds

Grant Sources/Investment Partners

• Federal Transit Administration (FTA) – Section 5307
  • Formula based on population, ridership, miles and hours
• Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT)- 85.20 & 85.205
• Winnebago County – 85.21 (state funds) & levy
• City of Oshkosh – levy
Operating Funds by Source

- **Federal, 30%**
- **State, 24%**
- **City, 17%**
- **County, 8%**
- **Passenger Revenue, 21%**

*Based on 2016 Budget*
State & Federal Operating Grant Trends

Combined Funding %

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- Year: 1998 to 2016
Operating Budget

2017 = $4.9M

- Salaries & Benefits: 52%
- Purchased Transportation: 30%
- Parts, Supplies & Utilities: 9%
- Fuel: 7%
- Insurance: 2%
GO Transit receives 900K – 1M in passenger revenue each year. The sources of revenue are:

- Fares
- UWO agreement
- FVTC agreement
- Advertising
Capital Funds

Grant Sources/Investment Partners

• Federal Transit Administration (FTA) – Section 5339
• City of Oshkosh – bond funds
• 80% Federal, 20% Local
• Competitive, not formula

Capital Funding Shortage

• 2016: 1.9 M available statewide to split between 20 communities.
• GO Transit seeking other sources for capital funding
Federal Laws, Regulations and Requirements

- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Maintenance/Asset Management
- Civil Rights
- Title VI
- Procurement
- Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)
- Planning/Transportation Improvement Program
- Drug & Alcohol Program
- Safety & Security
- Charter Bus/School Bus
Future Concerns

1. Federal and State transportation funds
2. Local budgets are tight
3. Funding cycles and availability make long-term planning difficult
WI Public Transit Inventory
• 17 urban bus
• 4 commuter bus
• 10 rural bus
• 44 shared-ride taxi

~$330 million spent annually on operations
To Learn More

FTA:
Federal Transit Administration
http://www.fta.dot.gov/

WisDOT:
Wisconsin Dept of Transportation
http://www.dot.state.wi.us/localgov/transit/index.htm

GO Transit:
www.rideGOtransit.com
232-5340
email: transit@ci.oshkosh.wi.us

ADA:
Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund:
http://dredf.org/public-policy/transportation/
Easter Seals Project Action:
http://www.projectaction.org/

APTA (large urban systems):
American Public Transit Association
www.apta.com

CTAA (small urban systems):
Community Transportation Association of America
www.ctaa.org

WIPTA (formerly WURTA):
Wisconsin Public Transportation Association
http://www.wurta.com/
Any Questions?