

## Public Notice

- a) Shawnee Mass Transit District is a general public transportation provider receiving Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 funding. Section 5323 (a)(1) of the Federal Mass Transit Act of 1964, as amended, requires that FTA projects “to the maximum extent feasible” provide for “the participation of private mass transportation companies.” Private mass transportation companies operating within the Shawnee Mass Transit District’s five county service area wishing to be considered for inclusion in the FY25 service place should provide a written statement containing:
1. Name and address of mass transportation entity
  2. Principal owners and/or officers, phone contact
  3. Current service area, operating hours
  4. Number of vehicles and ADA status

Interested parties would be required to comply with all applicable FTA requirements and allow service and safety audits through Shawnee Mass Transit District.

- b) Shawnee Mass Transit District does not provide incidental charter service. Trip requests for this type of service are referred to willing and able private charter operators. Private charter operators interested in receiving such referrals should submit contact information or connect to FTA resources at:

<https://ftawebprod.fta.dot.gov/CharterRegistration/Default.aspx?p=%2fcharterregistration%2f>

- c) Shawnee Mass Transit District hereby gives public notice of its policy to uphold and assure full compliance with Title VI of the Civil Right Act of 1064, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, and all related statutes. Title VI and related statues prohibiting discrimination in Federally assisted programs require that no person in the United States of America shall on the grounds of race color, or national origin, sex, age or disability be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to, discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

Any person who believes they have been aggrieved by an unlawful discretionary practice regarding SMTD’s programs has the right to file a formal complaint. Any such complaint must be in writing and submitted to the SMTD Title VI Coordinator within one hundred eighty, (180) days following the date of the alleged occurrence. For more information regarding the SMTD Title VI Plan it is available on our website, <http://www.shawneemtd.com> and its office locations. Information regarding civil rights complaints or submissions for both (a) & (b) items should be sent by February 22, 2024 to the attention and address at the end of this notice.

## Notice of Public Hearing

Shawnee Mass Transit District provides transportation in the following five counties: Alexander, Johnson, Union, Massac and Pulaski. As a requirement of its' funding a public hearing will be held at:

Date: February 22, 2024

Room: Board of Directors Room

Time: 9:00 AM

Place: 100 Smart Drive, Vienna, IL 62995

At the hearing, the Shawnee Mass Transit District will afford an opportunity for interested persons or agencies to be heard with respect to the social, economic, and environmental aspects of the project. Interested persons may submit orally or in writing evidence and recommendations with respect to said project. This may be done in person at the hearing, by phone at 618.658.8384 or by US mail.

The Shawnee Mass Transit District requests that any hearing impaired person wishing to attend this Public Hearing notify Shawnee Mass Transit District 618.658.8384 at least one week before the scheduled hearing date so that arrangements can be made to provide an interpreter.

A copy of the application for Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 funding will be made available for public inspection at Shawnee Mass Transit District.

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