

# CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

The Passenger Transportation Development Plan (PTDP) required for Iowa's 9 Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and 18 Regional Planning Affiliations (RPAs) is designed to promote passenger transportation planning programs that further the development of the state's public transportation systems. This PTDP will include the Dubuque Metropolitan Transportation Study (DMATS) area and Regional Planning Affiliation 8 (RPA8)

## Purpose

The PTDP is the State of Iowa's creation to incorporate federal requirements for coordinated planning from the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), along with Executive Order 13330: Human Services Transportation Coordination. The PTDP will provide needs-based project justification for all transit programs. The PTDPs are to cover a minimum of four year period and provide a discussion of passenger transportation needs including recommended projects to be included in the local Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).



## Approach

In order to develop a PTDP that will serve as a management guide to help meet the specific transportation needs with the area, coordination and collaboration must occur between several participants, which include health and human service agencies/organizations. The PTDP is designed to:

- ◆ Get health and human service agencies/organizations, transit system operators, private transportation providers, and the public actively involved in the process.
- ◆ Identify gaps in and duplication in passenger transportation services.
- ◆ Prioritize passenger transportation needs.
- ◆ Allow for consensus of the needs to occur.
- ◆ Continue to focus on improving passenger transportation services within the area.

In order to activity engage participation in the PDTP process for the DMATS and RPA 8 areas the following were conducted:

- ◆ One-on-one health and human service agency/organization interviews
- ◆ Health and human service agency/organization surveys
- ◆ Community surveys
- ◆ Public consensus/sign-off meetings



# DMATS & RPA 8 Boundaries

