

CHAPTER 4: ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Clinton MTA:

River Bend Transit:

Please refer to the Bi-State Region Transit Development Plan for information regarding River Bend Transit.

Keyline Transit:

Keyline Transit and the Dubuque Community School District coordinated public transit services for students living within the 2-mile radius of school. The Dubuque Community School District paid Keyline Transit \$6,000 so that students with a valid school id can ride the fixed route buses for free.

RTA 8:

1). Build a Dubuque Maintenance and Storage Facility:

In FY 2007 the RTA 8 was successful at securing \$702,000 facility grant from Iowa Public Transit Infrastructure Program, established by the Iowa Legislature in FY 2006 to create and repair public transit infrastructure. The grant will allow the RTA 8 to store 17 vehicles based in the City of Dubuque indoors and will house the administrative offices of the RTA staff. This facility will help extend the useful life of the fleet and provide greater oversight of the fleet and drivers.

2). Increase capacity on existing routes:

In FY 2007 the RTA 8 added 300 miles of new routes to the Delaware, Dubuque and Jackson County service area. Most of the service expansion was accomplished using federal New Freedoms funds and a grant from the Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program. As a result of these funds the RTA 8 has added the following routes:

- Bellevue to Dubuque
- Cascade to Dubuque
- Colesburg to Manchester
- Dubuque In-Town Evening and Weekend (contracted service)
- Dyersville to Dubuque (to be deployed in FY 2008)
- Manchester to Cedar Rapids
- Maquoketa to Dubuque (to be deployed in FY 2008)
- Peosta to Dubuque

3). Expand regularly scheduled routes, schedules and service hours:

In FY 2007 the RTA 8 expanded service to existing service areas in Delaware, Dubuque and Jackson County through route revisions and increased service identified by area human service agencies/organizations. Some of the service expansion was made possible through federal New Freedoms funds.

- Delhi/Hopkinton to Manchester (expansion of existing service)
- Dyersville In-Town (expansion of existing service)
- Manchester In-Town (expansion of existing service)
- Manchester to Dubuque (expansion of existing service)

4). Reduce ride times and create more affordable fares on short distance routes:

In FY 2007 the RTA 8 added and expanded service in Delaware, Dubuque and Jackson Counties under the federal New Freedoms grant program and the Iowa Clean Air Attainment program. As part of those service expansions, the RTA 8 has established affordable fares ranging from \$1.00 - \$3.00 per one-way trip for inter-city and intra-city trips.



5). Increase ridership by making service attractive and affordable:

The RTA 8 is currently in the pilot phase of the statewide Intelligent Transportation Systems deployment that includes the installation of global positioning tracking devices and mobile data terminals on all the RTA 8 vehicles. The deployment is intended to increase the dispatch capacity to real-time dispatch of RTA 8 equipment and drivers and to increase the accuracy and efficiency of the complex billing and reporting requirements of the transit system.

6). Secure Grant Funding:

In FY 2007 the RTA 8 was successful at securing the following grants to improve service accessibility, availability and affordability to consumers:

\$10,000 New Freedoms Funding for service expansion

\$84,000 Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program for service expansion

\$10,000 Dubuque Racing Association for purchase of additional equipment for service expansion

\$702,000 Iowa Public Transit Infrastructure Grant Program for maintaining, storing and dispatching RTA 8 fleet