

Request for Proposals For the Operations, Management, and Maintenance of GoBus: Ohio Rural Intercity Bus Service

Notice to Prospective Service Providers

It had come to HAPCAP's attention that costs associated with GoBus stops at locations serviced by Greyhound (which provides staffing and security at facilities in Cincinnati, Columbus and Cleveland) could have an impact on each prospective Service Provider's Cost Proposal(s). With the goal of giving each prospective Service Provider the same information relating to the RFP and, if needed and/or otherwise appropriate, to include any such charges from Greyhound as part of their Proposal, HAPCAP, in consultation with ODOT, extended the RFP submission deadline to 3:00 PM EST on July 26, 2024. This extension was granted in the hope that specific cost information from Greyhound for the next contract period could be obtained in the interim so that such information could be shared with all prospective Service Providers.

Unfortunately, Greyhound has indicated they have not yet concluded their analysis of what costs may be involved for GoBus stops at facilities staffed and secured by Greyhound, particularly given that the location for GoBus stop in Cleveland will be moving, and it is unlikely that Greyhound will have final cost numbers available before the GoBus RFP analysis and award by HAPCAP must be completed. Therefore, in consultation with ODOT, it is the current intention that HAPCAP will negotiate the costs of any fees or charges for all GoBus stops directly with not only Greyhound, but also with the owners/leaseholders of any location where GoBus will stop who might also charge GoBus a fee for use of their locations, and that such costs will be separately itemized and charged to HAPCAP as an operating cost of the Ohio Rural Intercity Bus Service. As such, HAPCAP is hereby directing that any service fees payable to Greyhound or to any owner or leaseholder of those locations where GoBus connections stop be EXCLUDED from the bid calculations of any prospective Service Provider submitting a Proposal to the pending RFP, which bids are due to be electronically submitted by 3:00 PM EST on July 26th, 2024.

As per the provisions of its RFP, HAPCAP reserves all rights to make corresponding changes to subsequent dates which may be impacted by this temporal delay, including the date currently set for award of the GoBus service contract(s).

Thank you for your patience in this process. We look forward to receiving your Proposal!