

6.e.. Community Services – Public Transportation

Public Transportation: Provide information on local public and/or commercial ground transportation such as bus service, including schedule service to region and/or community and ability to serve proposed site.

See Attached RYDE (Reach Your Destination Early) Public Transportation



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RE: Proposal for Central Nebraska Veterans Home – Kearney

RYDE (Reach Your Destination Easily) Transit is a public transportation program operated by the Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska (Mid), a non-profit 501c3 based in Kearney, Nebraska covering 27 counties in south central and southwestern Nebraska plus 2 counties in Kansas (www.communityactionmidne.com). Although public transportation programs have been operated by Mid for over 40 years, the systems were identified and unified under the regional RYDE Transit name starting in 2000.

RYDE Transit currently operates public transportation programs in 6 counties in South Central Nebraska. These counties include Adams County (Hastings), Buffalo (Kearney), Franklin (Franklin), Hamilton (Aurora), Gosper (Elwood) and Kearney (Minden). This service area covers approximately 3,600 square miles with a population base of over 100,000 people. RYDE Transit will, drive 340,000 miles and record over 130,000 boardings. Our operational budget exceeds \$1.1 million dollars.

Rural public transportation programs are designed to meet the needs of local population demands and characteristics. All our buses/vans are currently demand responsive/door to door; meaning we pick up on demand at one location and drop off at the designated destination. RYDE Transit's buses are used for medical appointments, social functions, to attend educational institutions, to obtain the necessities of life, and to go to and from work. Public Transportation programs are open to all members of the community, both young and old.

RYDE Transit received two prestigious awards from the Federal Transportation Administration – Region VII. RYDE Transit received the Award of Excellence – Rural Public Transportation System of the Year in Nebraska for Fiscal Year 2011 (122,175 passenger boarding's) and was also awarded the Rural Transit Excellence Award for the Largest Percentage Increase in Passenger Boarding's (30.6%) among the Nebraska Rural Transportation Providers for 2009-2010.



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New Public Transportation Rates Effective May 1, 2013

RYDE Transit – Buffalo County - Kearney

Office & Dispatch Hours – 8:00am to 5:00pm, M-F

Bus Operation Hours – 6:00am to 6:00pm M-F

All Fares General Public – Cash, Checks, or Punch Cards

In Town Per Boarding	\$2.00
In County Out of Town Per Boarding:	\$5.00 (then use in town boarding rate)
Cab Tickets	\$4.50 per ticket
Punch Cards	\$10.00 per card (6 one-way trips)