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Treasure Valley Transit

October 30, 2024

The Honorable Mayor Kling
City of Nampa
411 3rd Street South
Nampa, Idaho 83651

Dear Mayor Kling and Members of the City Council,

In April of 2024, Treasure Valley Transit, Inc. (TVT) requested \$124,927 in local match for the capital expenditure of two buses and two vans that operate in the City of Nampa directly. The current vehicles have exhausted their useful life. We are so grateful for your approval of our request and wish to offer a sincere thank you. This will enable TVT to continue to provide safe, reliable transportation to Nampa residents.

TVT has faced significant cost increases in labor, benefits, fleet insurance and services such as maintenance. This created a significant financial challenge in meeting the 20% local match requirement for the two buses and two vans needed in Nampa. This capital funding is critical in maintaining TVT's vehicle fleet. (It will not be used for the operations of the service.) The service we provide is for Nampa's most vulnerable: persons with cognitive and physical disabilities, dialysis at 4:00am, those suffering from mental illness as well as low-income residents on Medicaid in need of services.

Treasure Valley Transit, Inc. is a private non-profit organization that operated in Canyon County prior to the establishment of the Valley Regional Transit Authority (VRT). Prior to 2018, TVT received 5310 small urban grant funding through the Idaho Transportation Department's Division of Public Transportation (ITD-PT). This funding provided service in Nampa, Caldwell and Middleton that served seniors and persons with disabilities. ITD-PT transferred this grant funding to VRT. VRT did not continue to fund TVT with the 5310 small urban grant but changed it to a 5307 small urban grant at a higher match rate of 50/50 instead of 80/20. In FY24, TVT received \$253,278 from VRT for Nampa, Caldwell and Middleton. This funding was 14% of TVT's \$1,759,716 transportation budget in Canyon County.

TVT operates five buses and five vans daily for our Canyon County non-emergency medical (NEMT) and private pay transportation programs. In FY2024, from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024, TVT provided 31,184 trips. TVT calculated the exact percentage of trips for Nampa residents at 17,682 and it came to 56%.

I am always available to meet with you and answer any additional questions you may have.

Sincerely,


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