

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Regarding State of Illinois Paratransit Vehicle Grant for the City of Freeport and Stephenson County.

The City of Freeport will hold a public hearing on June 14 , 2018 at 5:00 PM in the City Council Chambers at 314 W. Stephenson Street.

For the purpose of considering a project for the Illinois Department of Transportation's general authority to make such Grants, and which is generally described as follows:

- A. Provide continued demand-response public transportation throughout Stephenson county. Currently the City provides approximately 80,000 rides annually. Accordingly, the City of Freeport is applying for four (4) handicap accessible, 12 passenger, light duty buses, and two (2) handicap accessible mini vans, all six (6) are replacement vehicles for ageing vehicles in our fleet that are beyond the useful life, worth approximately \$310,000.00 collectively.

This project will be included in the Consolidated Vehicle Procurement Program undertaken by the State of Illinois on the behalf of the City of Freeport, with State and Federal Funds.

- B. Relocation – Relocation Assistance will not be required.
  - C. Environment – This project is being implemented to minimize environmental impact.
  - D. Comprehensive Planning – This project is in conformance with comprehensive transportation planning area.
  - E. Elderly and Disabled – All new equipment included in the project will meet ADA accessibility rules for the elderly and persons with disabilities.
- II. At the hearing the City of Freeport will afford an opportunity for interested persons or agencies to be heard with respect to the social, economic and environmental aspects of the project. Interested persons may submit orally or in writing, evidence and recommendations with respect to said project.
- II. A copy of the application for a state grant for the purposed project for the intended service area will be made available for public inspection at City Hall, 314 W. Stephenson St., Freeport, IL. 61032.

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