

Public Hearing Notice

The Southeast Alabama Regional Planning & Development Commission (Wiregrass Transit Authority) is applying to the Alabama Department of Transportation for an administration, operating, and capital assistance grant under 49 U.S.C. Section 5311. This administration, operating, and capital grant will provide financial assistance for public transportation service for the residents of Houston County, Dale County, the City of Dothan and the City of Enterprise during FY 2024.

The service is provided for general public and currently operates Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. All residents, including wheelchair users, must schedule service 24 hours in advance. Fares range from \$2.00 per person per one-way trip to \$8.00 per person per one-way trip, depending on the area in which the pickup is made. Children under 3 ride free. Copies of detailed budgets and service description may be obtained via at the Wiregrass Transit Authority office, 201 Depot Street, Dothan, AL, between 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Planned service changes for FY 2024 includes the expansion of demand response public transportation services for the City of Enterprise, Alabama. This service will operate Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The anticipated start date is October 2, 2023 and the proposed fare is \$3 per one-way trip.

Planned fare changes for FY2024 are as follows:

Dothan (anywhere in the city limits) - Current \$2, Proposed \$3

Cowarts, Avon, Ashford, Cottonwood, Rehobeth, Webb, Kinsey and Taylor- Current \$5 Proposed \$6

Pansey, Gordon, Columbia, Wicksburg and Madrid - Current \$8 Proposed \$10

City of Enterprise - Proposed \$3

This grant funding will provide federal financial assistance for Administration, Operational, and Capital Expenses. Capital funding will be used to purchase 4 transit vehicles with mobility device securements, two desktop computers and one laptop computer.

A public hearing will be held on Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the Wiregrass Transit Authority Conference Room at the Dixie Depot, 201 Depot St., Dothan, AL for public comment. A public hearing will be held on Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. in the Enterprise Farmers Market at 525 North Main Street, Enterprise, AL for public comment. This notice shall constitute the final program of projects (POP) for the Wiregrass Transit Authority unless the scope of the project changes.

The Southeast Alabama Regional Planning & Development Commission (Wiregrass Transit Authority) does not discriminate against any individual on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin, ancestry or disability. Reasonable accommodations will be provided, upon request, for individuals with disabilities or those with limited English proficiency. Any person requiring accommodations or information in another language or alternative formats to participate in the meeting should contact WTA at 334-836-5555 at least two days prior to the meeting. If there are questions or comments or if information is needed in another language or alternative format, contact:

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