

Section 106 Public Outreach Notice

River Bend Transit

River Bend Transit (RBT) in coordination with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is planning to construct a Bus Storage Facility. The FTA Region VII office is considering providing grant assistance with federal funds for the above project. In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1996, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470f) and its implementing regulation, 36 CFR Part 800, the FTA is initiating consultation with the IA State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), interested parties and the public for this project. For more information on the Section 106 Consultation Process, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) document “A Citizen’s Guide to Section 106” can be found at this link:

<https://www.achp.gov/digital-library-section-106-landing/citizens-guide-section-106-review>

RBT will construct a Bus Storage Facility which would provide a 45,000 square feet storage building to house the public transit fleet and support vehicles which currently includes 72 cutaway buses, two ADA minivans and three support vehicles. The building would be located on the existing concrete surface bus parking lot. The building will be a metal building designed to be as energy efficient as possible utilizing passive lighting wall panels, solar panels to augment lighting and heating functions, and the maximum use of recycled materials. Disturbance of the surface ground area will be minimal as the building will be constructed directly over the existing concrete parking surface. The building’s function would be to provide sheltered storage for Iowa DOT, Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and RBT funded public transit vehicles, fleet and grounds support equipment and supplies, and electric charging stations for future electric vehicles. The building will provide greater fleet security and employee safety during inclement weather.

RBT is soliciting public comments on any impacts the proposed project may have on surrounding historic, cultural or archeological sites. Comments may be provided via email or telephone to: Randy Zobrist, Executive Director/CEO rzobrist@riverbendtransit.org or 563-445-4468.