

**Missouri Public Transit Association
Request for Proposals
Potential Funding Mechanisms for Transit in Missouri**

October 2026



The Missouri Public Transit Association (MPTA) is seeking proposals for a study to look at potential state funding strategies designed to support public transit in Missouri. The purpose of this study is to assess current fiscal capacity for transit expansion and operation in the state, analyze the best practices of transit strategies nationwide, examine potential changes to state constitutional language or statutes that would create additional funding sources for public transportation, develop a revenue model to project receipts from different sources and develop a menu of possible funding strategies based on the analysis and findings for local consideration.

Currently Missouri transit funding is limited to a small allocation from the State Transportation Fund (STF) at \$1.7 million plus any appropriation of General Revenue by the Missouri legislature. The most recent allocation was \$4.2 million, \$1.7 million from the STF plus \$2.5 million from the Capital Commission Funds. This level of funding represents more than a 60 percent reduction in state investment over two years. In addition, many of the rural providers lack local funding support to provide the necessary match for federal funding.

The current Missouri constitutional language with regards to gas tax revenues limits that funding to road and bridge use. By commissioning this funding study, MPTA is hoping to begin the process of building the case for and identifying pathways toward long-term, sustainable public transit financing across the state.

Flexibility and innovation will be essential to fund new transit projects – both operating and capital. A wide variety of sources may be necessary to move any transformative projects forward in Missouri.

Proposals should be limited to four pages and are due by November 15, 2026. One electronic copy should be emailed to kcella@mopublictransit.org and one hard copy to the following address by 4 p.m.:

Missouri Public Transit Association
c/o Kimberly Cella

701 Market, Ste. 275
St. Louis, MO 63101

Key Dates:

RFQ Posted:	Will establish key dates once final approval received
Last Day for Questions:	30 days after RFQ Posted
Proposals Due:	45 days after RFQ posted, 2026 by 4pm.
Selection of Firm:	2 weeks after RFQs received, 2026

Selection Criteria:

1. MPTA reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.
2. No party listed on the Federal Government's Excluded Parties list shall be awarded a contract due to our status as a recipient of federal funds.
3. Each proposal will be evaluated from an overall performance/cost basis.
4. The following evaluation considerations are pertinent to this RFP:
 - a. Emphasis will be placed on the firm's ability to meet or exceed these RFP requirements.
 - b. Information gathered from references submitted in response to the RFP and obtained from other sources will be evaluated as a measure of performance.
5. A review will be done on all proposals and further questions and clarification may be necessary to properly evaluate them.
6. An authorized representative of the firm must sign the proposal.
7. This RFP does not commit MPTA to pay any cost incurred by proposer in the preparation or submission of the RFP.
8. This RFP and any and all addenda, and the successful firm's proposal shall become part of the contract between MPTA and the firm. The complete contract will be a public document.
9. All questions from proposers and MPTA responses will become an addendum to this RFP.

What to Include in Your Proposal:

1. Provide a statement describing the scope of work as you understand it. Describe the approach, means, methods, and procedures to be used to gather the data, analyze findings, and develop recommendations as requested. Areas to be addressed shall include:
 - a. Work Plan – Detailed work plan outlining specific tasks to be performed.
 - b. Schedule – A time schedule depicting major tasks and key milestone dates proposed.
2. Identify who will be the project manager and key staff assigned if awarded. Provide resumes summarizing the qualifications and experience of the individuals who will be conducting the study. Include specific information on the staff's experience as related to scope of work in RFP.
3. Provide overall qualifications for this project and previous experience on similar engagements. Descriptions of experience should include a summary of work performed, the period over which the work was completed, a qualification of the proposer's effort on the project and the name and email address of at least three clients similar to this project to be contacted as references.
4. Signed Exhibits 1, 2, & 3.
5. Provide a total cost estimate amount for the work described in scope of work; a rate schedule for computing any extra work not specified in the contracted scope of work;

Nondiscrimination

The Offerors shall comply with all state and federal statutes applicable to the Offerors relating to nondiscrimination, including, but not limited to, Chapter 213, RSMo; Title VI and Title VII of Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended (42 U.S.C. Sections 2000d and 2000e, et seq.); and with any provision of the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. Section 12101, et seq).

Incorporation of Federal Clause Provisions

The Federal Clause provisions of **Exhibit 1** - Federal Clauses are hereby incorporated into this RFP and any Resulting Agreement. By submitting a proposal or entering into any Resulting Agreement, Contractor acknowledges that they have received and shall comply by the Federal Clause provisions of **Exhibit 1**.

Anti-Discrimination Against Israel Act Certification

1. If the Contractor meets the definition of a company as defined in section 34.600, RSMo, and has ten or more employees, the Contractor shall not engage in a boycott of goods or services from the State of Israel; from companies doing business in or with Israel or authorized by, licensed by, or organized under the laws of the State of Israel; or from persons or entities doing business in the State of Israel as defined in section 34.600, RSMo.
2. If the Contractor meets the definition of a company as defined in section 34.600, RSMo, and the company's employees increases to ten or more during the life of the contract, then the Contractor shall submit to the MPTA a completed Box C of the Exhibit titled, Anti-Discrimination Against Israel Act Certification, and shall comply with the requirements of Box C.
2. If during the life of the Contract, the Contractor's business status changes to become a company as defined in section 34.600, RSMo, and the company has ten or more employees, then the Contractor shall comply with, complete, and submit to MPTA a completed Box C of the **Exhibit 2** titled, Anti-Discrimination Against Israel Act Certification.

Requirements to do Business in Missouri

Out-of-state Offerors must comply with the following requirements to do business in Missouri:

1. Registration with Secretary of State: The Contractor must be registered and maintain good standing with the Secretary of State of the State of Missouri, Missouri Department of Revenue, and other regulatory agencies, as may be required by law or regulations. Prior to execution of the Resulting Agreement, the successful Offeror shall submit to OATS, Inc. a copy of its current Authority Certificate from the Secretary of State of the State of Missouri and/or a copy of its Certificate of No Tax Due from the Missouri Department of Revenue.
2. Transient Employer Certificate: All out-of-state Contractor's providing services within the State of Missouri must provide a copy of their current Transient Employer Certificate issued from the Missouri Department of Revenue. For assistance with obtaining a Transient Employer Certificate, please call the Missouri Department of Revenue at (573) 751-0459.

Non-employment of Unauthorized Aliens

Pursuant to Section 285.530, RSMo., no business entity or employer shall knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien to perform work within the State of Missouri. As a condition for the award of any contract or grant in excess of five thousand dollars (5,000) by the State or by any political subdivision of the State to any Contractor, or for any

Contractor receiving a state-administered or subsidized tax credit, tax abatement, or loan from the state, the Offeror shall:

1. Enrollment in Federal Work Authorization Program: By sworn affidavit and provision of documentation, affirm its enrollment and participation in a federal work authorization program with respect to the employees working in connection with the contracted services. E-Verify is an example of a federal work authorization program. The Contractor must affirm its enrollment and participation in the E-Verify federal work authorization program with respect to the employees proposed to work in connection with the services requested herein by providing acceptable enrollment and participation documentation consisting of completed copy of the E-Verify Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). For Contractors that are not already enrolled and participating in a federal work authorization program, E-Verify is available at http://www.dhs.gov/xprevprot/programs/gc_1185221678150.shtm.
2. Annual Worker Eligibility Affidavit: By sworn affidavit, affirm that it does not knowingly employ any person who is an unauthorized alien in connection with the contracted services. Contractors are required to complete and submit with their proposal the affidavit referenced herein, which is provided within this document and attached as **Exhibit 3**.

Conflict of Interest

Each Contractor covenants that it presently has no actual conflict of interest or appearance of conflict of interest and shall not acquire any interest, directly or indirectly, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of the services under this Agreement. The Contractor further covenants that no person having any such known interest shall be employed or conveyed an interest, directly or indirectly, in this RFP and the Resulting Agreement.

DBE Participation Encouraged

The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal for this solicitation is 0%. DBE participation is encouraged. A listing of accepted DBE firms can be found on the Missouri Regional Certification Committee (MRCC). Click on the MRCC Directory at the following link: [Welcome to External Civil Rights | Missouri Department of Transportation \(modot.org\)](http://www.modot.org/external/civilrights/). By submitting a proposal or entering into any Resulting Agreement, Contractor acknowledges that they have received and shall comply by the DBE, Prompt Payment, Return of Retainage Payments provisions of **Exhibit 1**.

Proposal Protest

A bid or proposal award protest must be submitted in writing to the RFP listed contact within ten (10) business days after the date of award. If the tenth day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or state holiday, the period will extend to the next state business day. A protest submitted after the ten business-day period shall not be considered.

(A) The written protest should include the following information:

1. Name, address, and phone number of
2. the protester;
3. Signature of the protester or the
4. protester's representative;
5. Solicitation number;
6. Detailed statement describing the
7. grounds for the protest; and
8. Supporting exhibits, evidence, or

9. documents to substantiate claim.

(B) A protest which fails to contain the information listed above may be denied solely on that basis. All protests filed in a timely manner will be reviewed by the RFP listed contact. The RFP listed contact will only issue a determination on the issues asserted in the protest. A protest that is untimely or fails to establish standing to protest will be summarily denied. In other cases, the determination will contain findings of fact, an analysis of the protest, and a conclusion that the protest will either be sustained or denied. If the protest is sustained, remedies include canceling the award. If the protest is denied, no further action will be taken by the division.

Attachments:

- Exhibit 1 – FTA Federal Clauses
- Exhibit 2 – Anti-Discrimination Against Israel Act (*must be signed and returned*)
- Exhibit 3 – Worker Eligibility Affidavit (*must be signed and returned*)