

SUMMARY REPORT TO MANAGER

For City Council Meeting of 2/25/08

SUBJECT: Annual application to the State of Michigan for Dial-A-Ride funding

INITIATED BY: Department of Public Services

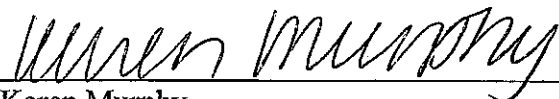
RESOLUTION SUMMARY: This resolution names the City Manager as the Transportation Coordinator and states the City's intentions to provide public transportation services, and apply for an estimated \$645,033 in state operating assistance and \$285,492 in federal operating assistance.

ITEMS ATTACHED:

- 1. Transmittal letter to City Manager
- 2. Resolution

CITY COUNCIL ACTION:

- 1. 3/5 vote required to approve resolution


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February 18, 2008

Jon Lynch
City Manager
Midland, Michigan

RE: Annual Application to the State of Michigan for Dial-A-Ride Funding

The Dial-A-Ride division of the Department of Public Services is in the process of preparing an application for State of Michigan financial assistance for the State's fiscal year 2009. This application is required under Act 51 of the Public Acts of 1951. The application also includes a request for federal assistance under Section 5311 as required by the Federal Transit Act. The state requires that each transit agency submit along with their application, a resolution of intent to participate in the comprehensive transportation fund for the year. The resolution must indicate that the local transportation budget is balanced and specify the sources of estimated revenue that support the proposed budget. The resolution must also name an official representative from the agency to act as Transportation Coordinator for passenger transportation matters.

Staff has submitted a proposed budget for Dial-A-Ride operations for 2008/2009 with total expenses of \$1,784,324. For the State of Michigan's fiscal year 2009, Dial-A-Ride is requesting an estimated \$645,033 in state operating assistance and an estimated \$285,492 in federal operating assistance for general public transit services. These funds will be used to support the daily operating expenses for the Dial-A-Ride bus system, with the remaining difference to be covered by fare box and rider fees totaling \$127,000, and a contribution from the general fund of approximately \$726,799.

In addition to the annual financial assistance application, the City Manager is appointed as the Transportation Coordinator for the City of Midland and given authority to enter into and execute all contracts with the Michigan Department of Transportation related to passenger transportation needs for the State's fiscal year 2009. This expedites the state funding process for passenger related transportation services.

Respectfully submitted,

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BY COUNCILMAN

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act No. 51 of the Public Acts of 1951, as amended (Act 51), the City of Midland provides a local transportation program for the state fiscal year 2009 and, therefore it is necessary to apply for state financial assistance under provisions of Act 51; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the City of Midland to name an official representative for all public transportation matters, who is authorized to provide such information as deemed necessary by the State Transportation Commission or department for its administration of Act 51; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to certify that no changes in eligibility documentation have occurred during the past state fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the performance indicators for Dial-A-Ride have been reviewed and approved by the City of Midland staff; and

WHEREAS, staff has submitted a proposed balanced budget of approximately \$1,784,324 for Dial-A-Ride operations in 2008/2009 with the intent to apply for an estimated \$645,033 in state operating assistance funds; an estimated \$285,492 in federal 49 USC 5311 operating assistance funds; and an estimated \$853,799 from fare box fees and local general fund support to balance the budget for state fiscal year 2009; now therefore

RESOLVED, that the City Manager is hereby named as Transportation Coordinator for all public transportation matters; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the City of Midland hereby makes its intentions known to provide public transportation services and to apply for state and federal financial assistance in accordance with Act 51. The City Clerk is hereby directed to provide a certified copy of the resolution for submittal to the Michigan Department of Transportation as part of the annual budget application packet.

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

I, Selina Tisdale, City Clerk, City of Midland, Counties of Bay and Midland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by a yea vote of all the councilmen present at a regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, February 25, 2008.

Selina Tisdale, City Clerk