

**Passenger Transportation Plan, 2010**  
**RPA 13 & 18**  
**Amendment #1**

The "Status of Previously Recommended Projects" Section (Page 24) is amended to read as follows:

**Status of Previously Recommended Projects**

Efforts from last year and the current status include:

- SWITA Vehicle Replacement Purchase. This element will replace the 4 most deficient vehicles in the SWITA system. The benefit will be 4 new vehicles that will allow the system to operate as safely and efficiently as possible. The proposed cost of the new vehicles is \$219,000.
  - Vehicle replacement purchase was funded and completed. Final cost was \$259,000. Purchase is allowing the SWITA vehicle stock to remain safe and efficient.
  
- SWITA Vehicle Equipment Purchase. This element is associated with the Vehicle Replacement Purchase. The equipment includes camera systems, radios, and signage. The proposed cost is \$24,000.
  - Vehicle equipment purchase was funded and completed allowing new vehicles to be effectively operated.
  
- New Freedom. SWITA will re-apply to New Freedom to initiate discount taxi coupon programs in the Cities of Shenandoah, Red Oak, and Harlan. Health and Human Service Agencies, and the general public, have expressed a need for affordable taxi service in these areas particularly for elderly and/or disabled citizens. The discount taxi ticket program will help meet this need by reducing the cost to the citizen. This program will meet New Freedom eligibility requirements as the discount taxi coupon program will target and benefit elderly and disabled citizens. Total cost of the application is \$29,634.
  - This New Freedom application did not receive funding as it was determined to be ineligible.
  
- SWITA will apply to New Freedom to continue a discount taxi coupon program in the City of Atlantic. Health and Human Service Agencies, and the general public, have expressed a need for affordable taxi service in these areas particularly for elderly and/or disabled citizens. The discount taxi ticket program helps meet this need by reducing the cost to the citizen. This program meets New Freedom eligibility requirements as the discount taxi coupon program targets and benefits elderly and disabled citizens. Total cost of the application is \$16,230.
  - SWITA received \$8,115 for the continuation of the discount taxi coupon program in Atlantic. The program was implemented and has provided affordable

transportation to elderly and disabled residents. Ridership through this program has increased as follows:

	2007	2008	2009
Elderly	6,826	6,708	4,985
Disabled	7,701	8,388	12,563
Total	14,527	15,096	17,548

Ridership has significantly increased for disabled riders (63% increase), therefore, SWITA will apply to continue this program in FY 2011.

- SWITA will also apply to New Freedom to continue an increase in the taxi service in the City of Harlan by 2 hours daily. Health and Human Service Agencies have expressed a need for increased service particularly for their clients. The extended services have been widely used. The extended services helps meet this need by providing additional taxi services during times of need. This program meets New Freedom eligibility requirements as the taxi service largely benefits elderly and disabled citizens. Total cost of the application is \$9,199.

- SWITA received \$4,600 to extend Harlan taxi services 2 hours daily. This program was implemented and is providing additional taxi hours to meet the needs of elderly and disabled residents. The additional service hours have increased ridership as follows:

	2007	2008	2009
Elderly	1,340	1,656	1,284
Disabled	2,098	3,134	3,142
General	969	851	790
Total	4,407	5,641	5,216

Ridership has significantly increased for disabled riders (50% increase), therefore, SWITA will apply to continue this program in FY 2011.

- Oakland JARC service. Apply to JARC to create transit service for employees at Oakland companies to and from the Omaha/Council Bluffs Metropolitan Area. Projected cost of service is \$338,000.
  - Project not continued due to a lack of employee interest. SWITA will continue to seek and promote ways to expand JARC services with local employers.
- Red Oak JARC service. Project began service in 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2010. Service extends taxi services 2 hours daily. This program was implemented and is providing additional taxi hours to meet the needs of the community. The additional service hours have increased ridership as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	137
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	146
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	224

Ridership has increased over the three quarters by 64%, therefore, SWITA will continue this program in FY 2011.

- Operation Projects. Continue to utilize STA, 5309, and 5311, to provide necessary services.
  - Funded on an ongoing basis.

#### Additional Three-Year Sketch Plan

- SWITA Vehicle Replacement Purchase. This element will replace an additional 8 deficient vehicles in FY 11. Proposed cost of the 8 buses: \$518,000. Additional buses will be replaced in the following years as funding allows.
  - SWITA intends to continue with annual replacement of deficient vehicles. SWITA is proposing 19 deficient vehicles for replacement and will replace the vehicles as funding allows. Proposed cost of all 19 vehicles is \$1,406,000.
- SWITA Vehicle Equipment Purchase. This includes camera systems, radios, and signage to accommodate the additional vehicle purchases. Proposed cost for FY 11: \$48,000. This will also be on a per year bases matching the number of vehicles to be purchased.
  - SWITA intends to continue with annual purchase of vehicle equipment for replacement vehicles. Total proposed cost of equipment for the 19 vehicles is \$76,000. The amount of equipment will be purchased to match the number of vehicles purchased.
- SWITA Bus Garage Construction. This element includes construction of a bus garage to protect vehicle fleet from weather extremes and provide for future office growth. Proposed cost: \$350,000.
  - SWITA is continuing with the project and is currently in the design stage. Updated projected cost for the bus garage is \$500,000.
- GPS/AVL system for Route Match Software Purchase. SWITA plans to purchase GPS system for Route Match vehicle GPS tracking. Proposed cost: \$200,000. Funding sources include \$25,000 through Iowa West Foundation; \$7,700 through RPA 13; \$17,375 through SWITA; and \$149,925 through IDOT rural ITS.
  - SWITA is no longer working with the Route Match company and not proceeding with this project.