## NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC HEARING TRI-VALLEY TRANSIT dba ADDISON COUNTY TRANSIT RESOURCES (ACTR) and STAGECOACH TRANSPORTATION SERVICES (Stagecoach)

*Tri-Valley Transit, dba ACTR and Stagecoach, gives notice that it is seeking funding through the State Revenue Subsidy Assistance and Federal Transit Administration 49 U.S.C. Sections § 5310, 5311 and 5311(b)(3), and 5339 Capital programs for State Fiscal Year 2019 public transportation projects.* 

These funds may be made available to: a transit authority, transit district, municipal transit system, or a public non-profit transit system managing or operating general public transportation services through a competitive application process.

Projects are described as follows: TVT would administer State/Federal operating funds to provide general public deviated-fixed-route and commuter bus services within Addison, Orange and Northern Windsor Counties and connecting to major employment and medical centers in Burlington, Rutland and the Upper Valley, and to provide transportation services for elders and persons with disabilities living in Addison, Orange and Northern Windsor Counties. TVT would also administer State/Federal capital funds to purchase public transportation buses, spare parts, office equipment, and other capital items.

FTA 49 U.S.C. Section 5310 funds – eligible projects include: capital replacement or expansion vehicles or operating funds for the purpose of transporting elders and persons with disabilities. TVT is seeking up to \$1,000,000 for these purposes combined across all three counties.

TVT is seeking FTA 49 U.S.C Section 5311 funds – eligible projects include: capital (vehicle and nonrolling stock items), marketing, preventive maintenance, administrative, and operating assistance to operate general public transportation services, including persons who are elderly and/or with disabilities or low income, but specifically excludes such services as single-ride taxi, charter or exclusive school bus transportation. TVT is seeking up to \$3,000,000 for these purposes combined across all three counties.

FTA 49 U.S.C Section 5311(b)(3) (RTAP) funding may be made available to organizations to provide training, technical assistance or related services to meet the needs of rural public transportation operators and their subcontractors. TVT is seeking up to \$20,000 for these purposes combined across all three counties.

FTA 49 U.S.C. Section 5339 funds – eligible projects include: capital replacement or expansion vehicles, non-vehicle capital and facility projects to support the transportation and mobility of the general public. TVT is seeking up to \$1,000,000 if adequate 5311 funds are not available for capital projects.

*State Revenue Subsidy Assistance – TVT is seeking up to \$800,000 to support 2019 eligible operating and capital public transportation projects.* 

Persons desiring a public hearing to be held should submit written requests to Tri-Valley Transit and to the Vermont Agency of Transportation at the addresses below within 15 days of publication of this notice. Upon receipt of a request, a date will be scheduled and a notice of hearing will be published. A copy of

the proposal may be seen at the Project Manager's Office. Persons desiring to make written comments should forward same to the addresses below within 15 days of publication of this notice.

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Dated at Middlebury, County of Addison and State of Vermont this 23rd day of April 2018. Jim Moulton, Project Manager