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WIND RIVER TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY • PROJECT INDEPENDENCE
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To:
Chairman Larry Allen
Members of the County Commission
Fremont County Commission

RE: FY27 Local Subsidization Request for Wind River Transportation Authority

Dear Chairman Allen and Members of the Fremont County Commission,

On behalf of the Fremont County Association of Governments and the Wind River Transportation Authority, I am respectfully submitting WRTA's FY27 local subsidization request for Fremont County.

This request is part of WRTA's broader FY27 local funding strategy to maintain public transportation services across Fremont County. As a federally supported public transit provider, WRTA relies on a combination of federal funds, local match, contract revenue, fare revenue, and local public support to sustain service. Federal funding remains essential, but it does not eliminate the need for local participation. Local support is necessary to draw down federal operating assistance, preserve service levels, and maintain a sustainable transportation network for residents, workers, students, seniors, individuals with disabilities, and others who rely on public transportation.

WRTA is entering FY27 from a position of measurable progress. During FY26, WRTA is setting multiple records in efficiency, ridership, and service productivity, while also garnering recognition from both the Federal Transit Administration and the Wyoming Department of Transportation for the progress being made in rural public transportation right here in our community. WRTA is currently on track to provide more than 50,000 rides in FY26, reflecting both the growing need for public transportation and the effectiveness of recent operational improvements.

For FY27, the requested contribution from Fremont County is:

FY27 Local Subsidization Request: \$124,258.95

This funding would directly support WRTA's ability to continue providing dependable transportation services during the upcoming fiscal year. It also helps ensure that local communities remain active partners in maintaining a countywide public transportation system that is practical, accountable, and responsive to public need.

We recognize the many competing financial obligations facing local governments, and we do not make this request lightly. However, public transportation remains a core community service that supports economic participation, public safety, independence, and access to essential services.

Continued local investment is critical to preserving the progress WRTA has made and ensuring that the system remains viable moving forward.

I would be grateful for the opportunity to attend an upcoming Commission meeting to discuss this request, answer questions, and provide any additional information the Commission may need as it considers WRTA's FY27 funding request.

Thank you for your consideration and continued partnership in supporting public transportation in Fremont County.

Respectfully,