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REPORT: StarTran 2021-22 Transit Development Plan

BACKGROUND

StarTran initiated the [2021-2022 Transit Development Plan \(TDP\)](#) in the summer of 2021. The purpose of the TDP is to assess the existing transit services in the City of Lincoln and explore ways to improve the transit system. A comprehensive review of transit services is completed by StarTran about every five years. The TDP is scheduled to be completed in the winter/spring of 2022.

The 2021-22 TDP will help the City's transit system plan for a better future and has several primary goals:

- Build on the success of service changes implemented after the last TDP completed in 2016
- Ensure transit services are allocated equitably
- Explore options for serving new growth areas in the community
- Develop options for improving access to jobs
- Evaluate route alignments to serve the future downtown Multimodal Transit Center
- Explore alternative service options, like new transit hubs outside of downtown, commuter/express buses, or enhanced bus service in certain corridors

The TDP will be a data driven, community informed process with multiple opportunities for the public to provide input on the study. A virtual open house was held on July 29, 2021 for citizens to learn more about the TDP and offer suggestions for improvements to the transit system. In July 2021, a survey was made to the public that provides an opportunity to give input to make StarTran's bus service more convenient, reliable, efficient, and safer.

StarTran staff will report on the 2021-22 TDP at the September Officials Committee meeting.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

After the completion of the 2021-22 TDP, the Lincoln MPO will amend the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan to reflect the TDP recommendations.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

None.

COMMITTEE ACTION

None.

RECOMMENDATION

None. Information only.

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