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Crete City Council and City Clerk,

Attached is a copy of the Budget Summary for fiscal years 2026 and 2027. Also attached is a funding chart that shows each town's share of the local matching funds for fiscal year 2026. Note that although the Summary reflects a two-year budget as is now required by Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT), the funding chart is only allocating local match for 2026. The Crete county wide share is \$11,650 and the city service share is \$23,197 for a total of \$34,847. Please use the funding chart as the invoice for your town.

NDOT has not approved the 2027 fiscal year budget, as they are waiting to see what level of federal funding is allocated for the 5311 rural transportation program.

SCAT provided 12,000 trips last year and logged over 100,000 miles. This has placed much stress on an aging fleet and the two new vehicles that were anticipated for delivery over three years ago still have not arrived. The last new vehicle received was in 2018. A new engine was installed in that vehicle in March. The 12-passenger 2010 Chevy Express was removed from service after being deemed a total loss when it was rear ended in February.

Any new ideas for fund raising opportunities are welcome and should be forwarded to SCAT board members or myself at the Western office.

SCAT strongly encourages communities to make known any transportation needs that are going unmet. We are interested in seeking out opportunities to meet your needs. SCAT is pleased to announce weekly service to the DeWitt Senior Center on Wednesdays.

Please contact me if the Council would like me to present in person so we may set a convenient meeting date.

Scott Bartels
Director