

1 **TRANSIT COMMITTEE**

2 Public Agency Center
3 West Bend, WI

March 19, 2007
8:30 a.m.

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5 Present: Rick Gundrum, Lawrence S. Hoffman, Roy C. Justman, Joan A. Russell, and
6 Paul A. Tuchscherer.

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8 Also present: Linda Olson, Office on Aging Director; Jim Christian, and Gary
9 Turtenwald, Riteway, Inc.; Faye Talatzko, PMSI; Steve Johnson, and Sandy Ziehr,
10 Johnson Bus; and Mary G. Lemke, Chief Deputy Clerk.

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12 Chairperson Hoffman called the meeting to order and read the Affidavit of Posting.

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14 **MINUTES**

15 Moved by Mr. Justman, seconded by Ms. Russell to approve the minutes of February 19,
16 2007, as presented. Motion carried.

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18 **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

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20 ➤ **TRANSIT PROGRAM STUDY BY SEWRPC**

21 Ms. Olson stated that the County Board Chairperson and the Administrative
22 Coordinator have met with the City of West Bend officials on the proposed
23 merger of the West Bend and Washington County shared-ride taxi services,
24 projected to start next year. Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning
25 Commission will investigate the benefits and possible ramifications of combining
26 the two government taxi services under the county’s banner. The study should be
27 completed in the next few months in time for the start of 2008 budget preparations
28 by both the city and county.

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30 Ms. Olson stated she would like some feed back on having SEWRPC conduct a
31 new five-year projection study of transit services and needs in Washington
32 County. The last comprehensive study of county transit was for 1998-2002. That
33 study would not take place until 2008, because of SEWRPC’s workload schedule.

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35 Moved by Ms. Russell, seconded by Mr. Gundrum to authorize the merger study
36 between The City of West Bend, and Washington County. Motion carried.

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38 Moved by Mr. Gundrum, seconded by Mr. Justman to have Ms. Olson contact
39 SEWRPC to conduct a new five-year projection study of transit services and
40 needs in Washington County. Motion carried.

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42 Mr. Hoffman updated the Committee on the Transit funding. Mr. Hoffman stated
43 that the funds were on hold for capital purchases. Milwaukee County and
44 Waukesha County was not in agreement regarding their funding. After many
45 disagreements over the formula for this funding it has been decided to go back to
46 the previous way of allocating these funds.

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➤ **TRANSIT ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS AND REQUIREMENTS**

Ms. Olson stated the 5307 federal funds also a percentage of that total allocation for the region needs to be set aside for Transit Enhancement Projects. In this region we have \$188,400. Transit Enhancement includes things like bus shelters, landscaping, pedestrian access, signage, storage facilities etc. Ms. Olson would like to apply for some of this money for things like bus shelters and landscaping, and then we would not have to use our CMAQ grant. Ms. Olson did inform the Committee that any amount of monies applied for the County would have to match 20%. Ms. Olson stated that they would have \$50,000 worth of projects total which would mean the County would have to match \$10,000.

Moved by Mr. Tuchscherer, seconded by Mr. Gundrum to proceed with the Transit Enhancement projects and put into the Capital Plan. Motion carried.

➤ **UPDATE ON PARK AND RIDE LOTS**

Ms. Olson discussed the temporary Park & Ride at Highway View School in Richfield.

Ms. Olson informed the Committee that the Village of Jackson is applying for a CMAQ Grant for a Park & Ride to be located behind the gas station North of Hwy 60, East of 45, and West of Hwy P. The Village of Jackson would make it a Transit accessible Park & Ride.

Ms. Olson informed the Committee that a letter was written in support of their application. This Park & Ride would not be completed until 2009, or 2010.

➤ **WCCE UPDATE**

Ms. Talatzko distributed and reviewed the 2007 WCCE Commuting Comparison charts for miles, gallons of fuel, and cost of fuel.

Ms. Olson distributed and reviewed the 2007 WCCE Ridership Summary.

Ms. Olson distributed a chart with the comparison of the 2005, 2006, and the start of 2007 Ridership for the Shared Ride Taxi program

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be Monday, May 21, 2007, at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Tuchscherer, seconded by Mr. Gundrum to adjourn at 9:57 a.m. Motion carried.

Brenda J Jaszewski, County Clerk